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English professor publishes poetry

by Josh Storey
Staff Writer

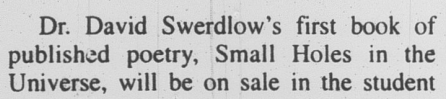
Dr. David Swerdlow's first book of published poetry, Small Holes in the Universe, will be on sale in the student bookstore by the end of the month. The book is a collection of original poetry ranging from the year 1989 to 2001

When asked how long it took him to finish the book, Swerdlow replied, "I've been writing poems since I was 19. I'm 43 now if you want to do the math." He went on, "It took a long time for this book to be published, and I'd like to believe that one of the reasons was that I have not been a whore."

He explained that the hardest part of writing poetry was to focus on writing quality work and ignoring the desire for fame. "I don't think about an audience when I write, I try to write for the poem," Swerdlow said.

He concluded the interview by saying that it felt good to be published and have a book, but the act of writing was what he loved.

Swerdlow obtained both his master's degree and P.H.D. in English from Ohio University. He is an English professor at Westminster, and teaches both English and creative writing.



Peace rally in Pittsburgh

by Ann-Marie Vazzano
Staff Writer

A flag picturing a satellite view of the earth flew high on a pole, an American flag billowing at half-mast beneath it-a striking reminder of what thousands of people who gathered in Oakland for the Jan. 24-26 war protests were advocating: World peace and unity.

The weekend's events, planned by the Pittsburgh Organizing Group, The Thomas Merton Center and the TMC's Anti-War Committee, marked the largest local peace mobilization in 30 years. An estimated 5,000 people converged to voice their opinions about the potential US attack on Iraq. Speakers led the group in chants such as "Drop Bush, not bombs" and "End to war is what we need; put a stop to corporate greed."

On Sunday, following pre-rally entertainment from Pittsburgh-based punk band, Anti-Flag, and addresses from several speakers, the official march began at the William Pitt Union building. Marchers circled the block and ended at the Software Engineering Institute (SEI) on Fifth Ave. SEI, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense, is a research and development center operated by Carnegie Mellon University. When marchers arrived, police officers in riot gear lined the stairs, while protesters passed out flyers addressing the horrors of the 1991 bombing of the Ameriyah civilian shelter in Iraq. Scheduled speakers addressed the crowd until 3 p.m., which marked the end of the permitted march and rally.

Following the rally, the Pittsburgh Organizing Group held a die-in on the street in front of SEI. The die-in was staged to represent the needless deaths caused by war. A ten-foot puppet of George Bush with a missile and an oil can was wheeled onto Fifth Ave., where about a hundred people lay in the street around it. Protesters were warned, however, that participating in the die-in put them at risk for arrest.

photo by Kara Gerhart
Protesters come in all shapes and sizes

"Many of us are willing to be arrested if that is what it takes to get our message across," rally organizers wrote in their Pittsburgh Peace Convergence pamphlet.

Although bad weather conditions hampered the Westminster Green Party's plan to take a 15-passenger van to the rally on Sunday, a handful of determined students did attend, including Green Party member, Isaac Ludwig. Ludwig has many reasons for disagreeing with a pre-emptive attack on Iraq.

"An attack on Iraq doesn't make sense. We're willing to negotiate with North Korea when they have the fifth largest army in the world and pose a much greater threat to the world than Iraq," he said.

Sophomore Kara Gerhart also braved the bitter temperatures and nonstop snow to attend the rally.

"Everyone wondered why so many people came out in the cold for the protest, and I think our willingness to do it was a good way to emphasize our point," she said.

"I enjoyed the intergenerational aspect," said senior Sara Hackett, who also attended the rally. "Everyone from children to grandmothers were there to support the cause."

Gerhart agreed. "I think the best thing was the complete diversity among the group."

The protests were peaceful, and there was very little confrontation between protestors and law enforcement officials. Needless to say, the riot gear and paddy wagons proved unnecessary. No one was arrested.

Ludwig and fellow Green Party mem-

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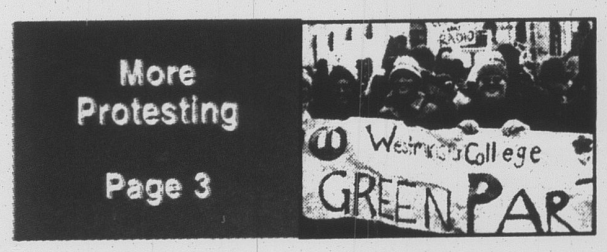

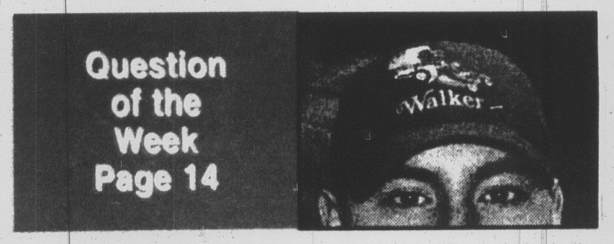

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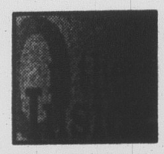

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CAMPUS NEWS

PR department to write series of text books

by Jessica Bevan
Staff Writer

Westminster's public relations department is taking the first steps towards writing a series of public relations textbooks.

Head of the department Dr. James Perkins, along with Dr. Deborah Mitchell, Dee Natale, Suzanne Prestien, and James Raykie, all public relations instructors, will work together to produce the texts. The first book that will be published is an introductory text.

Dr. Perkins thinks that he and his department can successfully produce more practical learning tools than what are currently available.

"Most of the texts are full of trivia about the industry, the sort of thing that would make for good cocktail chatter," Perkins said. "We plan to focus on the process of establishing and maintaining good relationships for clients. The Westminster PR program is unique among those being offered at American colleges and universities. It is a complete curriculum dedicated to public relations taught against the background of the liberal arts."

Public relations majors are confident that their department can get the job done.

"Dr. Mitchell is always talking about how great our PR program is here and I believe that our professors are some of the best," junior public relations major Elizabeth Grepp said. "Many of the PR professors have had experience out in the field and have been teaching for a while, so they have the combination of knowing what students like, and the best way to teach them as well as knowledge that can only be gained out in the 'real world.'"

Both students and instructors are in agreement that they would like to have a research text published next. Research is considered to be the most important part of the projects public relations professionals work on.

"All of the ones now on the market are terrible," Perkins said. "Research is the most important element in a PR campaign. Students deserve a clear text on the subject."

"I had research last semester," Grepp said. "It isn't an easy class to begin with, throw in the fact that the text is confusing and it makes it near impossible. Stacks has great knowledge of what he's writing about but I think that sometimes his organizational skills leave something to be desired. Sometimes he can be redundant, too. I would love to see that book re-written by the professors here, the right way."

The department's deadline for the first text is Sep. 15, 2004. They are expected to turn in a 300,000-word manuscript by that date for the production of a 560-page book.

Chapel Drama prepares for spring production

by Nikki Pencak
Staff Writer

Romance, murder, deception—sounds like a soap opera, but it's actually a plot description of this year's upcoming chapel drama, "Children of Eden." Senior Lisa Joyce will be directing the show which is based on the story of Adam and Eve and the tale of Noah and the Ark. The show is a modified version of the traditional Biblical story with a little room for a romantic plot twist. "The theme of the show is freedom of choice and the way God put us on the earth with the ability to make our own decisions regarding our lives," says Joyce.

The music for "Children of Eden," was composed by Stephen Schwartz, the creator of "Godspell." Amongst the musical numbers are vibrant pieces including, "Let There Be," "Children of Eden," and "Generations."

The show is being guided by several experienced individuals. Joyce has been in seven productions at Westminter College, acted as assistant director during last year's chapel drama, is an active member of Alpha Psi Omega, and recently directed a musical at the elementary school where she completed her student teaching experience. Assistant director Sean Taylor is a junior who has been involved in chapel drama for the last two years, as has choreographer Amanda Ries. When asked about Taylor and Ries, Joyce responded by saying, "They're both talented individuals, and I'm confident in them and their ideas. We have a strong core of directors who will work well together and support each other throughout the production."

Steve Allen, Lori Shaffer, and Keturah Laney have offered assistance and enthusiasm to the student directors throughout the preliminary stages of this year's chapel drama.

Laney explained why she enjoys chapel drama. "One of the most significant elements of Chapel Drama is that folks who want to specifically do drama with a Christian tone can both do a production and be part of a Christian experience, no matter what level of theatrical experience they possess," she said.

Drawing on knowledge gained through last year's assistant directing experience, Joyce says, "I learned how many amazing people we have on this campus and how people can come together and work hard to glorify God with their talents."

She's expressed some concern regarding the number of people who have signed up for auditions. The chapel office and the show's directors encourage students to audition for the show because many spots are still available; there are especially many male roles available in the show. Auditions will be held in the chapel on Feb. 3 and 4 from 7 p.m. to midnight. The sign up sheet is outside of the chapel office.

Sororities pick up new members

by Elizabeth Adams
Staff Writer

Women's Sorority Pick-up took place last week, from Jan 21 -25. Alpha Gamma Delta, Kappa Delta, Phi Mu, Sigma Kappa and Zeta Tau Alpha each had the opportunity to pick up fifteen freshman and independent women.

Roughly 90 girls went through sorority recruitment, and each began the week attending five parties on the Tuesday night, a maximum of four on Wednesday, three on the Thursday and two on Friday, otherwise known as Final Night. These parties were opportunities for the sororities to become acquainted with the prospective sisters. Tuesday's parties were short, lasting about twenty minutes.

Senior Sigma Kappa Molly Householder enjoyed the first night of parties. "Even though the first night's parties are short, they are also an exciting time for the sorority sisters and the girls going through recruitment," she said.

Wednesday's parties were theme-oriented. That night each sorority displayed their philanthropy in a unique way.

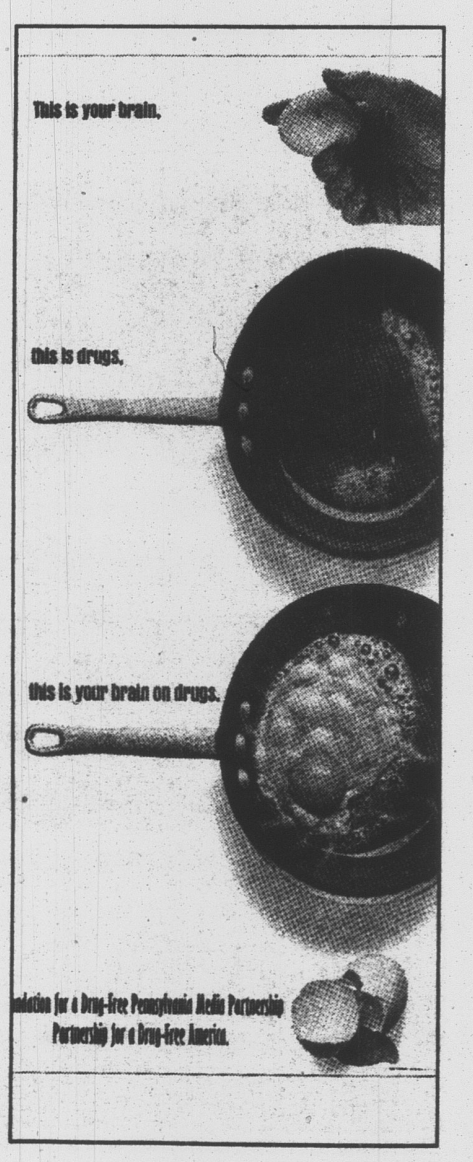
Senior Stephanie Yingling of Zeta Tau Alpha explained her sorority's philanthropy night.

"Our recruitment chair Sarah Ialongo explained how the Susan G. Komen Foundation originated, and then we told the girls that educating people is one of the only ways that we can help eradicate breast cancer. Then the girls wrote a postcard to a female friend or relative and reminded them of the importance of regular mammograms."

Contributed photo
New members of Sigma Kappa

On Phi Mu's philanthropy night, the sisters assisted the recruitment participants in making "Boo-Boo Bunnies" for area Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Sigma Kappa made baskets filled with toiletries for the Shenango Nursing home on its philanthropy night.

Friday night was the final party night and decision-making time for the freshmen and independent women who went through recruitment. After attending the final two parties, each lasting about an hour, the women went to the chapel to fill out and sign their bid cards. Saturday morning the sororities waited in Orr Auditorium while the decisions were announced. Afterwards, each new member joined her respective sorority for a day of pictures, cheering and activities.



Campus sets stricter parking regulations

by Craig Carlin
Staff Writer

The college is cracking down on parking illegally on campus this semester. Illegally parked vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

According to John Lechner, Dean of Safety and Security, the campus security will not allow anyone to park in the grass, where no spaces exist, in tow-away zones, or in lots that they are not authorized to park in. "It's shutting down college operations for people to do this," he said. "We want people to cooperate and park where they should and not where they want."

Vehicles that are parked illegally impede snow removal operations and will be towed. Vehicles that are parked in the grass, such as in Russell field, will be towed. Vehicles without proper parking decals take up spaces that could be used by vehicles with proper decals, and these illegally parked vehicles will be towed.

According to Lechner, a number of actions have been taken to help increase availability of parking spaces. Two years ago, the parking areas by Hillside Hall and Jeffers Hall were expanded, however the number of vehicles using these lots has also increased. Ten parking spaces were added one year ago by the field house, and the Hoyt parking lot was paved.

Lechner understands the problems with parking and is always looking for ways to make things better for both students and faculty. "We want to make it available, but we can't make it convenient, " he said. "It's not going to be outside your door, but it's there."

The campus has enough parking spaces for all vehicles registered, but not enough parking areas near buildings. Lechner offers a solution to the parking problem. He would like to see the number of vehicles being used on campus reduced. He feels that the best way to do this is having the campus sell only the enough decals to fill each parking lot. He would like to determine a way to prioritize who gets decals.

He also backs the continuation of construction of parking lots on campus. A proposal, which will be presented by Lechner very soon to the Ad Hoc Parking Committee and the Student Government Association, could help to make the parking situation better on campus by next fall.

"It's a little bit premature for me to say what exactly the proposals are," he said. He did, however, mention a proposal to raise the fine for not having a decal to $30, but giving a first-time offender the chance to buy a decal with the money instead of paying the ticket. Students take different views concerning the parking problem.

When asked about people who park illegally in the lots instead of using the street side, Christopher Nave, SGA president, laughed and said, "I hope the people without parking passes continue to park illegally in lots so I can park on the street." He takes a different view than most, claiming that there is no parking problem, just a laziness problem. "We can't put parking garages in front of every building so people can walk right into their door," he said. "You're part of a community where everyone has to share parking and walk places."

Jason Cooper, a junior, thinks that a parking decal should allow you to park in any campus parking lot, not just one. "You pay for the privilege to park, but you park eight miles away from where your class is," he said.

Sean Taylor, a junior, feels that security should be more consistent in enforcing the parking regulations. "I was in a legal spot, and I got a ticket because I had the wrong decal, while there were cars parked in the grass with no tickets," he said.

Lauren Annibale, a junior, feels that the rules need to be enforced more strictly, but admits parking is a problem for her as well. "I often get frustrated with parking especially when I have to move back in after a break and have to carry all my stuff such a long way."The parking problems are a constant concern, according to Lechner. "It's tough, it's really tough," he said. "I'm in a lose-lose situation with parking. I'm damned if I do, and I'm damned if I don't."

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ber, Ken Jae, are organizing a war protest to take place in New Castle at the end of February. For more information about Westminster's Green Party, visit http://www.westminster.edu/Student/greenparty.html.

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Members of Westminter's Green Party

Chapel celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

by Isaac Ludwig
Staff Writer

Roughly 200 people convened on January 20 in the Wallace Memorial Chapel to celebrate the 74th birthday of slain civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event focused on both gospel music and the impact Dr. King had on the world, especially in places of education.

"It was a smashing success," said Diversity Office Coordinator Rev. Jeannette Hooks.

The event featured performances from the Westminster College gospel choir, soloists Lindsey, Jennifer and Jessica Austin and New Castle recording artists R.E.A.L. (Redeemed, Everlasting, Anointed Lives).

"[The celebration] was a joint effort between the Diversity Office and the Chapel Office," Chaplain Rev. Steve Allen said.

Senior Pam Stennis, the president of Westminster College's Black Student Union, read "The History and Movement of Gospel Music."

"One of the highpoints was the explanation of why gospel music was included in the celebration to the extent that it was. There was a nice combination of education and celebration," Chaplain's Assistant Keturah Laney said.

The event also included Dr. David Swerdlow's reading of an excerpt from a speech titled, "The Purpose of Education," presented by King at Morehouse College in Atlanta in 1948.

The college will not be in session during Martin Luther King Day next year.

"I think it was good for us to do it the way that we did it [the college not being in session next year] and I think it's good for us to recognize it as a day off, to join with other parts of the community that take the day off and recognize him in that way," Rev. Allen said.

"The college will not be open that day, but it should still be a day of celebration for all of mankind. Not only did he help to change or chart a course for the US,, but the entire world, concerning all these many different issues," Rev. Hooks said.

Hooks went on to say that she hoped this celebration would impact us in a variety of ways. "It is my hope that we continue to move towards a more positive environment by learning how to respect one another... my dream is that what took place in the chapel, just didn't end there, but that it would continue the next day that people would have a greater awareness concerning a respect for human life."

King's dream still lives on, but some people think that it has not yet been achieved.

"There is still injustice in the world; people continue to hate and that's why will still have to speak out against war, inequality and other forms of injustice," sophomore Kara Gerhart said. Gerhart went on to comment on how she felt attending peaceful protests against the war in Iraq, such as the one in Pittsburgh that she and many others attended over the weekend, were a way to continue his dream.

"Dr. King spoke out against the war in Vietnam and we as a younger generation need to take a stand against the impending war in Iraq," Gerhart said.

Campus Programming Committee elects executives

by Melissa Logan
Staff Writer

After three years, the Campus Programming Committee is under new leadership. Juniors Craig Carlin and Diana Rodenhausen begin their roles as chairperson and co-chairperson this semester.

"I would really like to bring entertainment that the students want to see and leave out the things that students don't go to," chairperson Carlin said. "I will do my best to make the campus more fun."

The two will each serve a one-year term ending at the beginning of the 2004 spring semester. In addition to planning campus events, their duties include attending the weekly Student Government Association meetings.

"I applied for this position because I wanted to take a leadership role that would positively effect my college career," co-chairperson Rodenhausen said. "I wasn't getting the leadership experience I wanted from my other activities."

Senior Abby Wessel recently ended her three-year term as CPC chairperson. She is optimistic for the new semester.

"It was an enjoyable experience serving the CPC these past few years. I'm really excited about what Craig and Diana have planned," she said.

Wessel and Associate Dean Camille Hawthorne appointed Carlin and Rodenhausen to their positions at the end of last semester.

"We chose these students because of their past experience with the CPC, their dedication and their enthusiasm to serve the organization," Wessel said.

Carlin, a media art major, is a member of the "Holcad," Theta Chi Fraternity, "The County Line," SWAT, Fresh Start and Omicron Delta Kappa.

Rosenhausen, a theatre major, is involved in Mu Phi Epsilon, Alpha Psi Omega, Kappa Delta Sorority, and numerous theatre productions.

Students with ideas and suggestions are encouraged to email the CPC at cpc@westminster.edu or call the CPC office at extension 7057.

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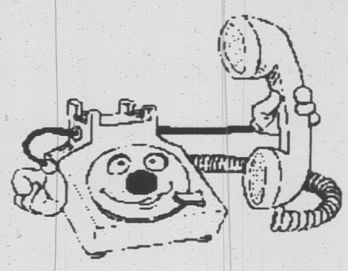

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Iraq not complying with United Nations demands

Summary - The U.S. Says they now have a report that shows how Iraq is not complying with the U.N. Things just get worse and worse...

WASHINGTON (AP) The United States dismissed Iraq's response to U.N. disarmament demands as inadequate Monday, arguing that nothing in the inspection report shows Baghdad has done enough to avert war.

"They are not cooperating unconditionally," John Negroponte, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said in New York.

"In the days ahead, we believe the Council and its member governments must face its responsibilities and consider what message Council irresolution sends to Iraq and other proliferators," Negoponte said. "It benefits no one to let Saddam Hussein think he can wear us down into the business as usual as he has practiced it over the last 12 years."

Administration officials insisted that an invasion of Iraq remained President George W. Bush's last choice, even as the White House prepared to release new evidence of Saddam's defiance and his regime's alleged ties to al-Qaida.

A senior U.S. official said Secretary of State Colin Powell will bring forward fresh evidence sometime after the Friday meeting between Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush was not expected to unveil any new evidence in Tuesday's State of the Union address, although he will outline the case against Saddam.

Eager to show he is consulting with other leaders, Bush spoke Monday with Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, a conservative ally.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said Bush is not eager for war. "He hopes it can be averted, but he is also clear about the fact that one way to save American lives is to prevent Saddam Hussein from engaging in something that can be far, far worse than the price that we've already seen on Sept. 11."

The White House reacted coolly to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's plea for longer weapons inspections in Iraq.

"When people say give them more time, the more time they get the more time they get the run-around," Fleischer said. ``Iraq is giving the inspectors the run-around."

Fleischer renewed accusations that the United States believes there are ties between Iraq and al-Qaida.

The spokesman said al-Qaida prisoners have revealed that Iraq provided chemical weapons training to al-Qaida. Asked if al-Qaida terrorists visited Iraq for training or if Iraqis went to Afghanistan, he said, "We have concerns about both."

He provided no details or evidence, but suggested al-Qaida was seeking a new haven after the U.S.-led attack on Afghanistan.

At a news conference Monday in Baghdad, Iraq's Foreign Minister Naji Sabri told reporters Iraq had fully cooperated with the inspectors but said the United States and Britain were nonetheless intent on invading his country.

Bush was spending most of his day preparing the State of the Union speech that he will deliver Tuesday night, much of which will be devoted to the possibility of a U.S.-led war with Iraq.

Fleischer said the administration was combing the inspection report for "one thing, very simple thing" - whether Iraq is complying with international demands to disarm.

Single mothers in Minnesota bond in Internet chatrooms

SHAKOPEE, Minn. (AP) It wasn't your usual case of people meeting through the personal ads.

Jennifer Hanbury was a stay-at-home mom who needed help paying the mortgage after her husband moved out. Simone Germain had a new baby and couldn't afford day care and a nice apartment.

The two women met through a Web site run by Co-abode, a nonprofit organization that matches single mothers interested in sharing housing, child care and the stresses facing single parents. Two weeks later, Germain moved into Hanbury's house in Shakopee. They say they have found a solution not only to financial problems but also to the loneliness of parenting solo.

"At first, I was like, 'Oh great, I'm going to have this person here, I'm not going to have any privacy,'" said Hanbury, 32, who has two young sons. "But after a while, it became nice to have someone here. Just to have someone to talk to. We're like sisters now, and I can't imagine not having her here."

Single mothers now head nearly a fifth of all Minnesota households of parents with children. More than 110,000 single moms live with their children in the state, though the 2000 census has no way of tracking how many share a home.

The concept has gotten a boost from a national Web site, www.co-abode.com, started by a divorced mother in California. Nearly 5,000 people have posted a profile on the site, answering such questions as "What are some of your interests?" and "What is your child rearing philosophy or discipline?" For $29.95, you can contact other mothers through a confidential e-mail system for up to a year.

A Minneapolis florist, 34, with a 5-year-old daughter wants to find someone willing to share a home in a good school district and swap child care. A 31-year-old medical assistant from Minneapolis is looking to share her home and writes, "I'm in Minnesota alone with my daughter... and it's just hard holding a household together." A 46-year-old law student from St. Paul with an 8-year-old child is looking for another mother who is a vegetarian, quiet and doesn't watch a lot of television.

"Single mothers are so isolated," says Co-abode founder Carmel Sullivan. "To find another woman who is in the same situation and same predicament, it can make a huge difference. In a way, this is a tiny step toward making those connections."

Hanbury and Germain are among at least 100 matches made through Co-abode. A little more than a year ago, Hanbury found herself on her own after her husband moved out. They had recently moved back to Minnesota from Pennsylvania and had just bought a home in a new development in Shakopee.

"I was stuck with this huge mortgage and had no idea of how I was going to pay for it," she said. "I thought, 'I can't go back to work now. I haven't worked in five years and have a 4-month-old baby.'"

At the same time, Germain, 28, was facing a dilemma. After an unplanned pregnancy and the birth of her son, Gabriel, she was staying with her parents in Wisconsin. The long commute to her job as a computer trainer in Bloomington ruled out staying there permanently, but her income would barely cover rent on a decent apartment plus child care.

She read about Co-Abode in a parenting magazine and e-mailed a dozen people. Four responded, but none seemed like a good match. Then, just a couple of weeks before she was set to move in with an aunt in Minneapolis, Germain got an e-mail from Hanbury.

The two women met and hit it off immediately.

"I said, 'I know it's kind of fast, but I'm going to be moving at the end of this week, what do you think?'" Germain recalls saying.

"You seem normal," Hanbury said.

"I am SO normal," Germain said. "Just trust me."

Within two weeks, Germain and Gabe moved into the den on the main floor. Hanbury and her two sons, Andrew, 5, and Nick, 18 months, have the three upstairs bedrooms. Hanbury now also cares full time for Gabe. The rent and child-care income, along with support from her ex-husband, have allowed her to stay at home with her kids.

The two families share some meals, though with the children also spending time with their fathers, it is rare that all of them are home at the same time. Hanbury does most of the housework, but Germain helps out by cleaning a bathroom or emptying trash.

The children seem to have adjusted easily. Gabriel has new playmates, wears Nick's hand-me-downs and plays with the older boys' toys. Andrew clearly explains that he has only "one brother," but he loves playing with Gabe and, after a few months of shyness, now gives Germain a kiss every night at bedtime.

As a first-time mother, Germain appreciates advice from an experienced mom about everything from solid foods to fevers. The first time Gabe threw up, Germain was ready to rush him to the hospital. Hanbury said to give it a few hours. When Germain hesitated to give Gabe cubes of cheese. Hanbury assured her it was OK. And, when Gabe crawled for the first time, Hanbury called Germain on the cell phone.

On a recent weekday, Hanbury played with Nick and Gabe in the front room while Andrew and a friend played Nintendo. As soon as the front door opened, Gabe's face lit up, and he crawled quickly into his mother's arms.

The two women exchanged news of the day.

"Gabe did not like bean soup for lunch," Hanbury said, shaking her head and laughing. "That was a no. He was very mad at me."

Later, as Gabe was eating stray Cheerios off the floor and Nick was upending a box of plastic alphabet letters, the two women prepared sloppy Joes for dinner.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Number of state prison inmates at a record high

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) The number of inmates in the state prison system has topped 40,000 for the first time in Pennsylvania history, and authorities say it threatens to overwhelm the extra capacity the state added over the past decade to ease overcrowding.

The inmate count grew 5.5 percent last year, adding 2,095 people to state prisons. Last month, according to monthly population reports from the Department of Corrections, there were 40,090 convicts.

"It's positively alarming, and it ought to be alarming to everybody in the state, including those who are concerned about where we are going economically," said William DiMascio, executive director of the Pennsylvania Prison Society.

State Corrections Secretary Jeff Beard said the inmate count had held steady for several years but started to increase in the second half of 2001, and the growth became sharper last year.

Beard said the increase strains the budget, since the state pays about $28,000 a year to house each inmate, and could also overwhelm the new capacity the state has added over the past decade to ease overcrowding.

The 26-prison system is now at 115 percent capacity, which Beard said would not significantly affect security. And the rate could fall to 100 percent with the addition of two new 2,000-bed prisons slated to open over the next year.

"But it's getting to the point where if we don't get some handle on the population growth we're going to have to look at building some additional new institutions," he said.

A review by the department says the rise in prison population is due to an increase in nonviolent offenders - in particular, drug dealers - and to a lesser extent, to the return of more parole violators.

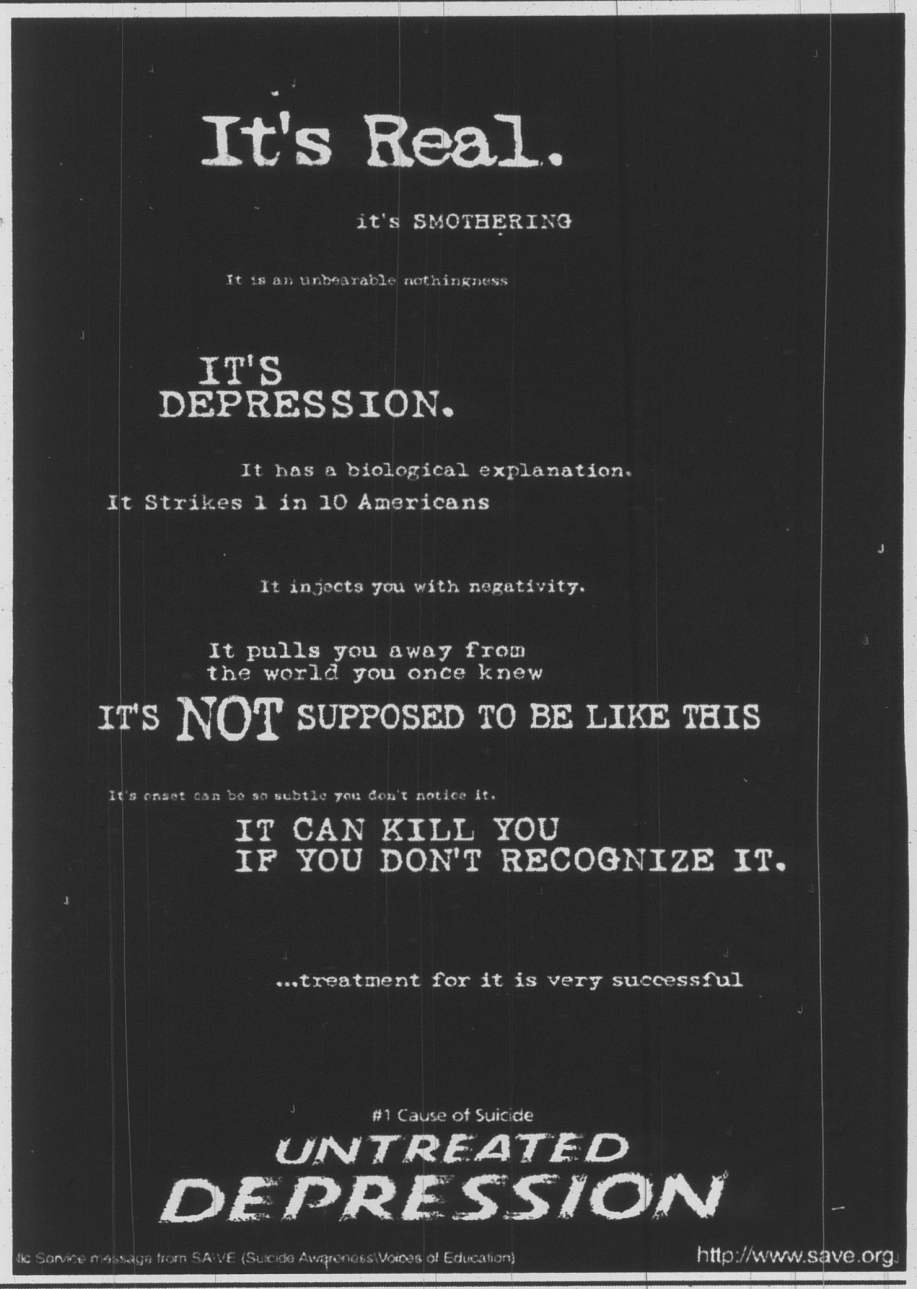
Beard, just nominated to a new term by Gov. Ed Rendell, said the department is likely to propose sentencing reforms this year aimed at significantly reducing the amount of time nonviolent offenders spend in prison.

The plan would allow judges to place qualifying inmates into an "alternate sentence" program featuring shorter prison stays combined with intensive drug and alcohol treatment, followed by close supervision upon release.

In other states, similar programs have freed up valuable prison space and helped to reduce recidivism, Beard said. DiMascio and other inmate rights advocates also endorse the idea.

"Long sentences are being imposed on people because of their addictive behaviors. But punishing people for their behavior may make us feel good, but it doesn't really solve the problem," DiMascio said.

Former Attorney General Ernie Preate Jr., who now lobbies for criminal justice reforms, favors making more use of home confinement, low-security prison camps or other intermediate punishment sanctions.



Regional Briefs

Robbers still on the loose

CORAOPOLIS, Pa. (AP) Three men who robbed the safe at an off-track betting parlor after corralling workers into a walk-in cooler were still at-large Monday, police said.

None of the employees who were held in the cooler of the Meadows OTB early Saturday morning suffered any serious injuries.

The robbers broke into the building about 4:30 a.m. Saturday and bound the hands and feet of three janitors who were working there, police in Moon Township, Allegheny County, said. Then, the robbers put the three workers in a walk-in cooler, police said.

The robbers waited until a manager arrived about 8 a.m. and forced her to unlock the building's safe, police said. The woman was then put in the cooler, too, and the robbers fled, authorities said.

The workers were released about 8:45 a.m., when another worker found them.

Police said the men were wearing ski masks and dark clothing. They said one man may have had a shotgun and another a small handgun.

Moon Township police were not sure how much money was taken.

Restaurant bans smoking

PHILADELPHIA (AP) The city's trendy, artist-friendly and very French cafe La Colombe is doing what many customers thought unthinkable: banning smoking.

The ban, which takes effect Saturday, has brought owners Todd Carmichael and Jean Philippe Iberti into direct conflict with their best customers.

"The whole idea of a French cafe where you can't smoke, it's ridiculous," said Roni Koresh, 41, leader of the Koresh Dance Company and cafe regular. "Coffee and cigarettes, to me, they dance together like Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers."

Carmichael and Iberti say the reason for the smoking ban isn't what customers might think.

"It's about the coffee," Carmichael said. "Coffee is like a sponge - it soaks up tastes from the air. The fumes in here had become overpowering. We could no longer shield the product."

Homeless running out of options

WAYNESBURG, Pa. (AP) Homeless individuals and families in one western Pennsylvania county don't have many options, especially if they need shelter for longer than a week, social service agencies said.

The groups are welcoming Greene County officials' plans to build a homeless shelter there.

The county has been informally notified that it will receive a grant from the state Department of Community and Economic Development to help it build the shelter, said Ann Bargerstock, Greene County's director of planning and development. But she doesn't know how much money the county will receive.

County residents who need a place to stay are often referred to Community Action Southwest, which operates two programs to help the homeless. One offers shelter for up to six days and the other offers rent assistance.

Some people, especially those looking for jobs, need a place to stay for longer than a week, said agency representative Todd Randolph.

The agency helped 41 individuals and 57 families in the last six months, Randolph said.

The agency sometimes has to direct families to shelters in neighboring Washington County, he said.

SPORTS

Steelers and Browns: Ending a Season of Glory and Pain

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

Westminster is a campus divided between Steelers' and Browns' fans. As the off-season ensues, both teams will address different needs in preparation for next season.

Over the holiday break, the Steelers and Browns experienced a wealth of playoff joy and disappointment. For both teams, the recent playoff season was the best of times and dually the worst of times. A week after a thrilling last-minute victory against the archrival Browns, the Steelers agonized their way into another off-season with a putrid defensive performance against the Tennessee Titans.

"Man, that was an intense week of football," said sophomore Mike Skwortz, a Steelers' fan. "By the time I felt better from celebrating the victory against the Browns, I was drowning my sorrows because of the loss to the Titans."

For Cleveland, the sorrows arrived a week earlier than the Steelers woes as Browns fans were dealt another disappointing, unlikely, and abrupt post-season exit. Yet this time, instead of John Elway's heroics or Ernest Bynar's fumble, Tommy Maddox's gun slinging dealt the Browns another lengthy off-season of regret and reflection.

"My heart broke when Fu ran into the end zone," said sophomore Sam Meriwether, a Browns' fan. "I don't think anyone in my house spoke for the rest of the weekend."

Though each team's season ended similarly with disappointing playoff exits, the future of each franchise appears uncertain.

For the Steelers, fans are left to ponder "what if" as the Titans thwarted another highly anticipated Super Bowl run. An off-season of questions awaits a team that a year ago was poised to make a run on San Diego.

The Steelers, a team, who a year ago, proudly boasted of having no needs, must now fill holes in the secondary, draft a speed rushing defensive lineman, eventually acquire a premiere quarterback, and lastly, discover a quality running back to reestablish the once trademark ground game.

On the other hand, for Cleveland, the future appears full of opportunity and hope. Despite an apparent quarterback controversy, the Browns man a talented and youthful roster. Perhaps, for the Browns, the playoff agony felt at Heinz Field was only the beginning, a baptism into life in the NFL playoffs.

As the season has ended, my Sundays are now not as magical as they once were. Though the season had its ups and downs, it was enjoyable and memorable. It pains me to know that it'll be August before the teams begin their new assault on the league, but for now, "Here's to football."

Tampa Bay Buccaneers take the "Gruden Bowl"

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

One of the most interesting comments I heard on Super Sunday was from the Bucs safety John Lynch. Lynch was in awe, as he and his defensive teammates knew exactly what play was coming and in what formation. Millions of viewers listened in and heard Lynch tell one of his defensive coaches that every play the Raiders had run to that point, the Bucs defense had seen in practice the previous week. Credit Jon Gruden for that. There is no doubt in my mind that Gruden's familiarity with the Raider offense played a huge role in Super Bowl XXXVII. The Raider offense seemed untouchable the two previous weeks. After dismantling the Jets, Oakland rolled all over the Titan defense in the AFC Championship game. With league MVP Rich Gannon at the helm, a veteran receiving core, and one of the most physical offensive lines in football, Oakland was seemingly destined to win its first Super Bowl in eighteen years.

In the words of college football analyst Lee Corso, "Not so fast my friends."

Tampa Bay was outstanding on Sunday. The defense proved why it's considered one of the best in NFL history. This year's defense will probably be mentioned just below the '85 Bears, the Steel Curtain of the 70s, and the 2000 Ravens. The offense even played well. They did what they needed to do in order to win the game. With the exception of the first possession, they didn't make any mistakes and they scored enough points to let their defense take over. And that's exactly what the defense did. The Bucs defense intercepted Rich Gannon five times. Gannon had thrown only ten interceptions all season! The Raider offense was absent all day until the final quarter, and by that time, it was too late. It was disappointing too. Super Bowl XXXVII was an intriguing match-up. The number one defense versus the number one offense, and in the end, another great defense won another championship.

One of the most interesting stories of the day though was the absence of Pro-Bowl center Barret Robbins. Robbins was sent home the day of the game and was reportedly suicidal the night before. Certainly his lack of presence must have been felt. If there's one part of the offense that cannot be tampered with, (especially the night before the Super Bowl) it's the offensive line. Robbins was the anchor of the line: the one who called blitz pick-ups, blocking schemes, and also snapped Rich Gannon the ball. The Raiders claim that his absence did not affect their play, but it must have been on their minds.

However, in the end it would not have mattered. The Bucs brought Gruden to Tampa to finish the job that Tony Dungy couldn't do. Gruden was expensive. But to Tampa Bay fans, he was certainly worth it.

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WC Sports briefs

Titan Basketball Rolls to 90-74 Home Victory Over W&J

The Westminster College men's basketball team improved to 8-10 overall and 2-2 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play tonight at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium in New Wilmington, as the Titans rolled to a 90-74 victory over league rival Washington & Jefferson College (4-13, 2-2 PAC). The win ended the Titans' two-game losing streak, while also snapping the Presidents' two-game winning streak.

W&J jumped out to a quick 7-2 lead in the first 1:49, but Westminster established control midway through the first half and raced to a 13-point (47-34) halftime lead by shooting 67 percent (20-of-30) from the floor. The Presidents made an 11-2 run midway through the second half, cutting a 14-point Titan lead (57-43 with 15:43 left) to just five points (59-54 with 12:40 left. W&J would get no closer, however, as the Titans took a 71-59 lead with eight minutes left and led by double digits the rest of the way.

Fadden had a perfect shooting night, going 3-for-3 from the field and 10-for-10 from the free throw line for a team-high 16 points, while also dishing out three assists. Sophomore Chris Hatch, senior Greg Foster and sophomore Pat O'Connor added 15, 14 and 12 points, respectively, in the win. Junior Tom Freed hauled in a team-high eight rebounds for Westminster. Washington & Jefferson was led by Steve Button with a game-high 19 points in the loss.

The Titan cagers return to action this Saturday, Feb. 1, as Westminster travels to face PAC rival Bethany College in Bethany, W.Va., beginning at 2 p.m.

Swimming Teams capture PAC openers over Bethany

The Westminster College men's and women's swimming teams each captured their Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) dual meet openers against Bethany College at the Westminster Natatorium. The Titan men improved to 5-2 overall, 1-0 in the PAC, with a 110.5-73.5 victory over the Bison. The Lady Titans moved to 4-3 overall, 1-0 in the PAC, with a 108-59 decision over their Bethany counterparts.

On the men's side, Westminster posted a balanced attack as seven different Titan swimmers captured individual events. Leading the way for the Titans was the senior trio of Seth Bontrager, Craig Guthoerl and Jim Mann. All three swam legs for the Titans' winning 200 medley and 200 freestyle relay teams, with Bontrager also capturing the 500 freestyle, Guthoerl adding a victory in the 100 freestyle and Mann also winning the 100 backstroke.

The Lady Titans were led by the duo of senior Stefanie King and sophomore April Dollard. King won both the 100 breaststroke and 1000 freestyle while swimming a leg for the winning 200 medley relay team. Dollard also went 3-for-3 on the night, capturing both the 100 butterfly and 500 freestyle while also swimming a leg for the victorious 200 freestyle relay team.

INTERNATIONAL

58th anniversary of Auschwitz camp liberation

BERLIN (AP) Germany's government and its fast-growing Jewish community marked the 58th anniversary of the Auschwitz death camp's liberation Monday with an accord putting the community on a legal par with Germany's main Christian churches.

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and the head of the Central Council of Jews said the agreement should also underpin the fight against anti-Semitism and racism in modern Germany that Jewish leaders fear is becoming bolder.

"This is a truly historic day for Jews in Germany," Paul Spiegel, the head of the Central Council of Jews, said at the signing ceremony. "No one, but no one, would have believed in 1945 that there could ever be Jewish life in Germany again."

"Today, we are even tempted to speak of a coming renaissance of Jewry in Germany. No one could have imagined that a few years ago," he added.

Germany's once-strong Jewish community of 500,000 was decimated in the Holocaust, in which 6 million European Jews were murdered. From some 15,000 Jews living in Germany after World War II, the community grew to 30,000 a decade ago, but has since burgeoned to 100,000 with Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

The accord recognizes the growing importance of Jewish life and triples the council's annual government funding to 3 million euros (US$3.2 million).

It establishes the first legal partnership between the Jewish community and the government since the war, in the spirit of similar agreements with the Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches under which the state finances the costs of schools and other institutions.

The additional resources will help the community train more rabbis and introduce Jewish rites to immigrants who grew up under communism without a religious education.

"Remembering the Holocaust is thus bound up with a declaration in favor of a good and secure future for Jews in Germany," Schroeder said.

More than a million people, 90 percent of them Jewish, perished in gas chambers or died of starvation and disease at the Auschwitz-Birkenau complex in southern Poland. It was liberated by advancing Soviet troops on Jan. 27, 1945, a date marked in Germany since 1996 as a day of national remembrance.

At the site of the former camp Monday, some 200 survivors, war veterans and Polish officials laid flowers at a monument in the Birkenau part of the complex.

Israeli Ambassador Shevach Weiss presented the Auschwitz Museum with a ring made in the camp by an unidentified Jewish jeweler from France who later died there.

At the former Buchenwald camp in eastern Germany, Hungarian author and Nobel Prize winner Imre Kertesz read Monday from his novel "Fateless," a tale of surviving Nazi internment as a young Jew that mirrored his own experience in Buchenwald and Auschwitz.

Denmark also marked the anniversary for the first time in a ceremony attended by more than 1,000, including three Danish Jews who survived WWII concentration camps.

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

Why does everyone dress like they are going to Prom for class? College = sweat pants and hoodies

Ewwwwwwt

No, I won't fix your computer.

You're gonna need some ice cream if you don't stop asking that!

You're one in a million.

The only reason why we have to have a parking sticker is so security can ticket you if you don't have the right color sticker for that lot--what a way to get money.

Why does no illegal download program work?

Maybe if you stop shoving sharp metal objects through it, it will stop hurting!

Hurray for pop!

Apparently the Easter Bunny attacked the new Student Center.

Quick! Ferment!

I'm not not licking toads!

Where did the microwave go from Browne Hall?

I'm runnin'! I'm runnin'! Waaaahooooooooo!

Coffee goooood.

Real quick, can you explain quantum physics to me?

Have agreed to carry Ring to Mordor. In hindsight, probably bad move.

Our school is run by monkeys.

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

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Why do the Townies Hate Us?

by Drew Huston
Staff Writer

Every year in the town of State College, Pa., something amazing happens. The town comes alive with music and celebration, with cheering and smiles. Marching bands proudly trumpet lively music through the boulevards of the town, and lavish floats bearing Greek letters travel the streets in a glorious promenade, their occupants throwing candy to the hundreds of children who watch them from the curb. It's the arrival of homecoming, and it's something that everybody in State College can participate in, and they do so gladly.

Clarion University, in nearby Clarion, Pa. turns out en masse not only for its own events, but for events the community holds that are especially welcoming to the college age bracket. The most famous of which being the Autumn Leaf Festival. The college population is not only accepted in the events, but is greatly encouraged by the community to participate. They are welcomed with open arms by the town, and the town likewise participates in college events such as homecoming and football games.

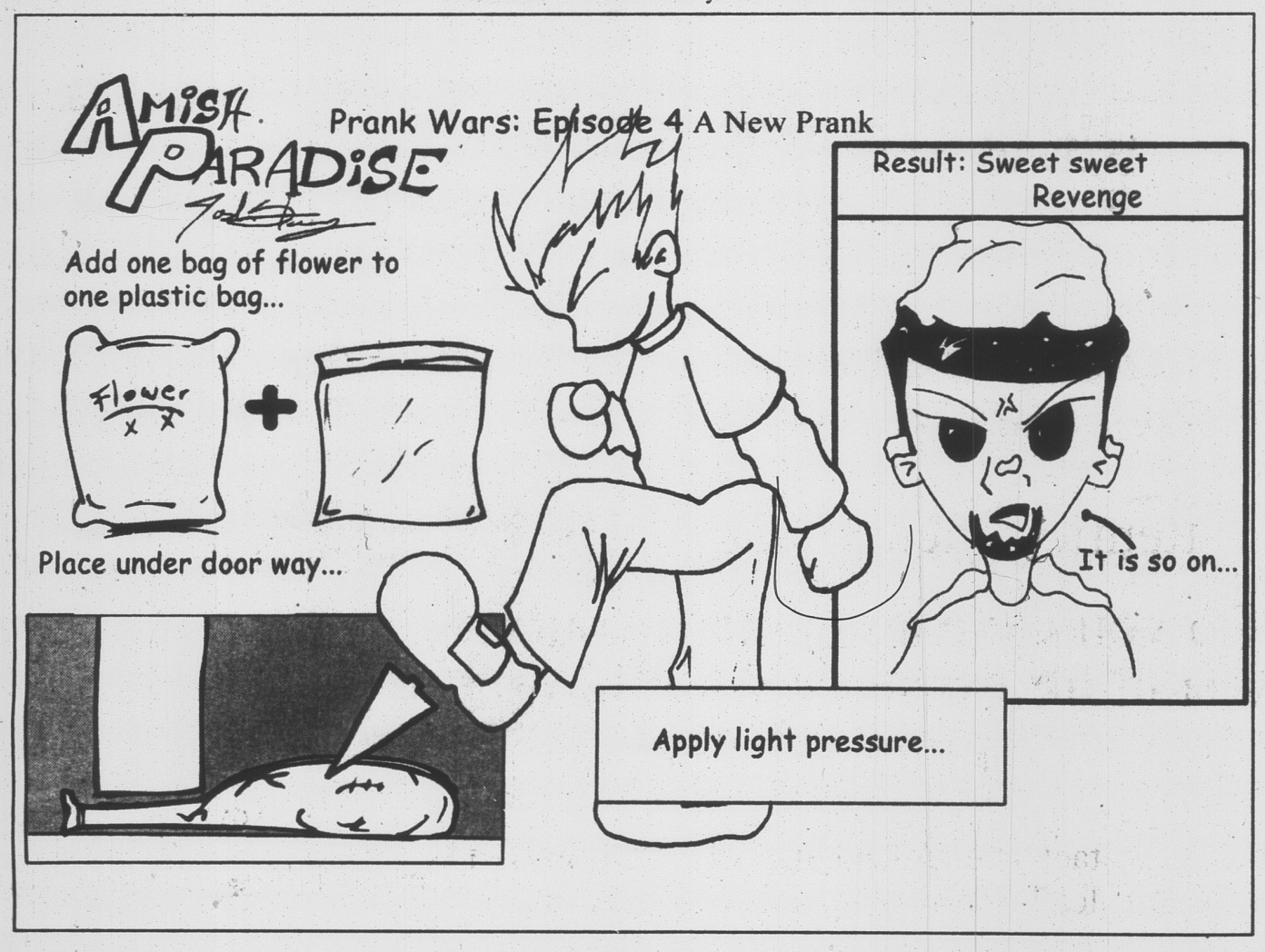
Across the board, communities surrounding colleges and universities work hand-in-hand with the schools and have very benevolent relationships with one another. Well, maybe not completely across the board.

In my years here at Westminster, I've noticed a trend – the citizens of New Wilmington don't seem to really care for us much. Every time I've walked into a store in the town of New Wilmington (save Pizza Joe's, which purposely caters to us – God bless them!), I've gotten suspicious glances, as if they suspect that I might steal or destroy something. I'm sure that many students have experienced this as well. Why do the locals here seem to wish that we would just go away?

Let's look at our campus first. Westminster is statistically one of the safest campuses in the nation – I mean, seriously, how many murders do we have here every year? Westminster, for all the gripes various people have about security, is an extremely safe campus. So why are they so suspicious of us? We stimulate the economy of their town, we raise the land values of the entire area, we give the town national notoriety, yet the people still seem to not like students here. It simply defies logic for them to dislike us when we bring so much to New Wilmington.

Ever wonder why it's so difficult to get housing off-campus? Believe me, it's not a decision the college made by itself. The town itself does not want students off-campus. Why? Your guess is as good as mine. However, the fact remains that the town will not permit more students to live off-campus than is absolutely necessary. I've spoken with college officials about this – they try harder and harder every year to let students live off-campus, only to meet with resistance at every turn.

If there is a good reason for this, I'd love to hear it. At the moment, however, I see no real justification for their suspicions/treatment of us, and that, I believe, makes for something the townies should at least consider.



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Guest Editorial: Liberal bias seeping into students' college education

by Jason Dore
The Reveille (Louisiana State U.)

Thousands of dollars, late nights spent buried in textbooks, early classes and sleepless finals weeks: all these sacrifices-made for what end? Common sense would tell you these things would help you gain a college education and allow you to make a better life for yourself. But frequently students endure classroom atmospheres that are slanted toward a professor's world view and then face a myriad of consequences for offering a differing opinion.

The long-standing pillars of higher education always have been academic freedom, intellectual honesty and the freedom of expression. Recently diversity has become a key goal of higher education, too. These things are meant to foster an educational experience that encourages freedom of thought and an education formed by critical thinking.

Modern college courses often lose those educational principles when professors fail to balance their political agendas with opposing views and ignore facts in favor of opinion. Universities search high and low for faculty members of different races, genders and sexual preferences, but diversity of thought is never given much consideration. Only diversity in the professors' sociopolitical philosophies would give you differing views on issues such as abortion, capitalism and religion.

Studies continue to show that while universities seek diversity as a priority, the dominance of liberal professors continues to grow. Last year UCLA's Higher Education Research institute polled 32,000 full-time undergraduate professors. It found that 48 percent identified as "liberal" or "far left" while only 18 percent described themselves as "conservative"or "far right."

Typically professors who prescribe to a conservative philosophy end up teaching classes in the hard sciences. Paul Kengor detailed a recent study he conducted in an issue of Policy Review in which he examined the political makeup of 190 social science and humanities professors at many of the nation's top universities, such as Cornell, Stanford and the University of Colorado. Only six Republicans were found while 184 were registered Democrats. These are the classes where professors can indoctrinate students with their views on politics, religion, morality and other subjects.

Some say a professor's political ideology does not impact how they approach the classroom. While some professors are capable of putting aside their agendas, examples of bias can be found at nearly every university.

By all accounts, conservatives make up the vast amount of LSU's student body. But even here, there are few conservative professors in the social sciences and humanities. I have heard numerous complaints from Christians who took classes to learn more about their faith but instead were treated to daily attacks on their beliefs. We also have professors that have taken to political activism, such as a political science professor who spoke at many rallies opposing war in Iraq.

At the University of California-San Diego, one parent was so alarmed that her son's professor was attempting to indoctrinate the classroom that sheformed an organization. She founded a Web site called www.noindoctrination.org. The site is dedicated to reporting and confrontingprofessors who attempt this kind of indoctrination. Students are allowed to report professors anonymously and must describe in detail the teacher's behavior. Since the site's birth four months ago, complaints have been filed against teachers from more than 30 universities, including the University of Kentucky and University of Georgia.

Students detail how, time after time, professors introduce topics not included on the course description, squelch opposing opinions in discussion, misrepresent facts and encourage students to adopt the professor's point of view. A senior at UCSD detailed how he wrote a paper espousing a pro-life view that was picked apart. He rewrote it with a pro-choice stance and received an A.

Cases of obvious bias are troubling enough, but when a teacher's opinion is taught as fact, students become indoctrinated without ever realizing they were taught lies. This often is the case in history classes when teachers present an unhistorical account of people or events.

With the lack of accountability in the classroom and balance in teacher-s'views, how are students to trust the education they receive? Are they merely becoming indoctrinated members of the liberal left?

Accountability is needed. Web sites such as noindoctrination.org offer students a venue to air their grievances, which will hopefully usher in change. Administrators should encourage balanced views to be presented in the classroom and punish those who use it as a political soapbox. With a university culture that is so in love with diversity and promoting it through affirmative action programs, maybe we should consider adding conservatives to the list of those who receive special minority consideration.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

A Guy Thing and The Pianist

A Guy Thing
Biz Adams

The movie "A Guy Thing" was awful. They should have called it "A Stupid Thing."

Although the movie's cast was somewhat impressive (Jason Lee, Selma Blair and Julia Stiles), the plot was flimsy and predictable. Jason Lee's character wakes up with a blonde in his bed after his mediocre bachelor party. And his fiancée is a brunette! Hilarity should follow, but doesn't.

Lee is an old pro at comedy (think Stealing Harvard and Mallrats), but Stiles isn't. While effort is evident, her delivery is off, resulting in me wincing rather than laughing. Selma Blair plays the sweet and conventional fiancée, who is always moments away from discovering that her fiancé Paul (Lee) and cousin Becky (Stiles) have met before. In bed. But in the twisty and hackneyed turns romantic comedies usually take, Blair's character is farther from heartbreak than the audience realizes.

I'm trying to think of something good to say about this movie. Hmm. The guy who wrote the screenplay also wrote "Meet the Parents," so at least we know he is capable of moderate success, despite this drastic career setback.

You could get the same effect of watching this movie by watching anything on Superstation or AMC rotation. So save your seven bucks.

The Pianist
Josh Storey

> "You could get the same effect of watching this movie by watching anything on Superstation or AMC rotation. So save your seven bucks."

Roman Polanski's latest filmoffers movie goers a chance to be completely depressed and lose all hope in the human race. It is based on the autobiography of Wladyslaw Szpilman, a Polish pianist who survived in the Warsaw ghettos during World War II. The first half of the movie focuses on Szpilman and his family's life during the German occupation of Poland. In other words, it's full of scenes of Jews being treated like vermin.

Halfway through the film, Szpilman's family is shipped off to a concentration camp. Szpilman, however, is saved by a friend in the Jewish police. The second half focuses on his fight for survival.

Polanski does an excellent job of making you detest the Nazis and marvel at the resilance of the Holocaust survivors. However, he also does an excellent job of making you near suicidal by the end of the film. It's not like Shakespeare, where everyone dies at the end, but then again, we don't really know what happens to all the characters in the end. We only find out what happens to two of the characters: Szpilman and one character who shows up for the last twenty minutes. Szpilman lives, which makes sense since the movie's based on an autobiography, but what about his family? We see them put on a train to a camp, and that's it...nothing else. All in all if you're looking to watch a Holocaust movie, rent Schindler's List.

Winter blues or winter wonderland

by Jillian Jordan
A&E Editor

Just last week in my Love Literature class, we read about a slave who had fallen asleep during his escape. Upon his awakening, he realized that a panther had made its sleeping nest right next to him. Although he was at first fearful, he noticed that there was a positive outcome to this situation. Yes, there was a panther lying next to him, but he realized that if he hadn't gotten away in the first place, he may never have lived long enough to have gotten to witness this rare, seemingly deadly spectacle. I know what you must be thinking right about now: Why in the world is this summary necessary? Look at it this way. The weather has been colder than normal lately, which seems to give Westminster and New Wilmington residents a bad case of the "Winter Blues." True, the air is below zero, the snow is up to our ankles, and the morning walks to class are unbearable, but there are also positives. How many other times do you rush to the Tub to grab a cup of hot coffee or cocoa?

Use a laidback Saturday or Sunday and travel to the winter wonderland that Pittsburgh has to offer. So, maybe you're one of those indoor-prone people who absolutely refuse to enter the outdoor domain unless you are on your way to the warm haven, known as your car located the nearby parking lot. Head over to UPMC Sportsworks, where you can experience a thrilling indoor bobsledding experience. You'll feel as if you are traveling the high speeds of an intense outdoor experience, without the snow, stinging cold air, and frostbitten fingers and ears. Sounds pretty enjoyable! However, if you're the outdoorsy type, take a chance by grabbing up a cafeteria tray and using it for a sled. The notorious hill leading up to Hillside and Jeffers halls serves as a great place to slide through the snow and slush for a homemade sledding experience unlike any other.

Want to try out ice skating? Drive over to New Castle and enjoy the ice escapade at Hess Ice Rink. Road trip, anyone? Schenely Park Arena and Bladerunners IceComplex of Pittsburgh are also great rinks to practice your ice skating skills.

Feel like spending some time with the warm air of your furnace? Head out and rent a wintertime flick such as Ice Age or get in the mood for summer with a recent rental such as Blue Crush.

However you decide to spend these next few winter months, don't feel depressed by the cloudy, coldness of the season. Let the positive aspects of winter cheer you up! Most winter activities can't be done at any other time of the year, so take advantage!

Allister to play Orr next month

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Editor

Every year people ask, "What band is coming for Mardi Gras?" This year, a band from Chicago, Ill. called Allister will play in Orr Auditorium on Friday, Feb. 14. Now, some of you may be sitting there asking yourselves, "who is Allister," and rightly so. That's where I come in.

The band was formed in 1995 by singer/drummer Tim Allister (now you get where their name came from) and former guitarist Johnny, when they first teamed up in a cover band organized to play their school talent show.

The line-up has changed a little since then. Tim now plays the guitar and sings, while Kyle Lewis, formerly of Showoff, has taken over Johnny's spot on guitar. The rest of the band consists of Scottie Murphy, on bass and vocals and Mike Leverence, formerly of The Conways, on drums.

Originally called Phineas Gage, the band signed to Drive-Thru records in 1998 and put out a demo on vinyl ironically titled, "You Can't Do That on Vinyl." Their first full length album, "Dead Ends and Girlfriends," followed later that year. The disc was reissued nationally in late 1999 when Allister signed to MCA.

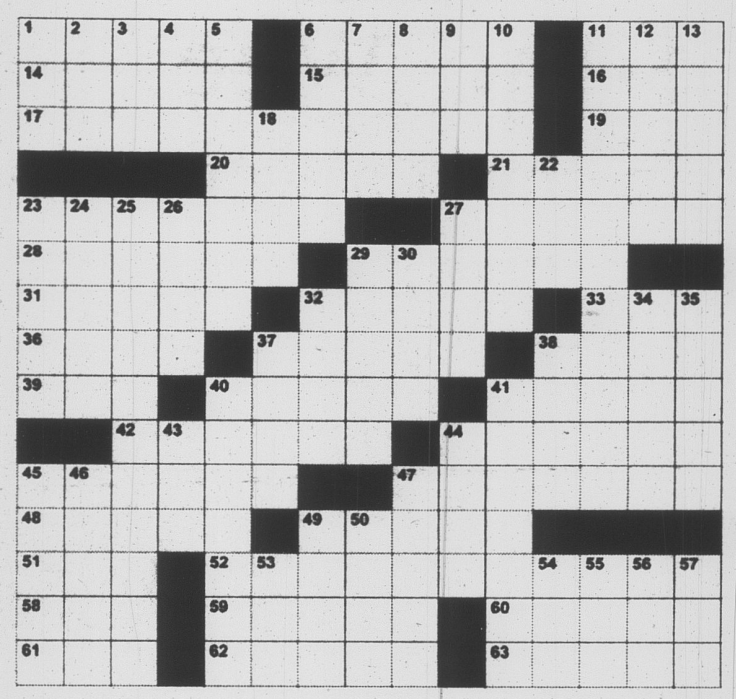
Having played with bands such as, Goldfinger, The Bloodhound Gang, the Hippos, Fenix Tx, New Found Glory, and the Aquabats (whom Travis Barker of Blink - 182 originally played drums for), Allister finally got national exposure when their song 'X-Girlfriend' was featured on a compilation that was circulated to 30,000 kids at the Warped Tour.

Things are looking good for the guys from Allister. This month, Much Music added their video for "Somewhere on Fullerton." If you can't get home to watch the video on good cable, you can check out the full video at http://launch.yahoo.com.

For more info on the band, check out www.allisterrock.com or listen to my radio show this (and every) Wednesday night from 10 p.m. to midnight on Titan Radio, digital 88.9, where I'll preview of some of their songs from their latest album "Last Stop Suburbia."

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



Fasteners

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1 Computer fodder
6 Indifferent person
11 Blackball
14 Like a street fighter
15 Like a NYC apartment
16 JFK initials
17 Precisely
19 Parcel of land
20 Cowboy competition
21 ____ lily
23 '85 best film award
27 Hyde's partner
28 Tilt the boat again
29 _____ bracelet
31 Broadway event
32 Conscious
33 NATO member
36 Monster
37 DC players for short
38 Pierce
39 Dream reaction:Acronym
40 Michigan city
41 Rotund individual
42 Lamb's uttering
44 Boats
45 Be quiet
47 Pals
48 Paint type
49 Escargot
51 Hill dweller
52 Something hit in an emergency
58 Bronx cheer
59 Solely
60 Retaliate
61 Violate a Commandment
62 Acted like a carpenter
63 Terra firma

Down

1 OJ's trier
2 Negative prefix
3 Option to sell a stock
4 Yuk!
5 St. _____ of Avila
6 Gulf War missiles
7 Carryall
8 Golden Rule word
9 Matrimonial words
10 Boston Pops performance
11 Umbilical cord scar
12 Coral reef island
13 Relating to birth
18 Boxing match
22 Alias:Abbr
23 Intense feeling
24 Combine corporations
25 Clock radio control
26 Coin
27 Bumps around
29 David's weapon
30 Coin
32 Blood-related
34 Gorged
35 Chasm
37 Slide involuntarily
38 Normal
40 A social blunder
41 Lack of success
43 Consumed
44 Infant's bed
45 Chunks of Bacon
46 North Vietnam city
47 Turned toward
49 Weather word
50 Baseball club
53 Precedes carte
54 Beverage made of leaves
55 Mariner
56 Fall mo.
57 Indefinitely large number

Quotable Quote

The reason there are two senators for each state is so that one can be the designated driver.

• • • *Jay Leno*

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Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers:

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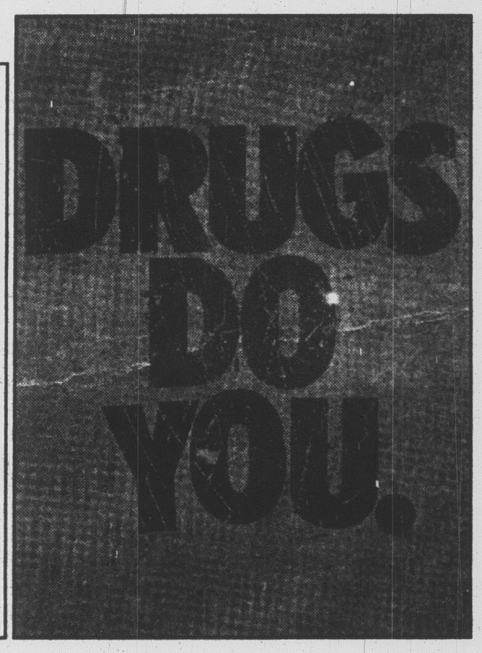


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

You will be challenged to put forth your very best, so keep any rebellious thoughts to yourself. Being filled with high energy, make sure you are sensitive to other people's feelings. It's time to come out of your shell and live a little.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

Guard against any undue stress - someone or something has hit just the right button and drained your energy. Your mate may be having problems coping, and moodiness will no doubt result - remember that actions will always speak louder than words.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

Make time to stay home and rest, tension from all sides may be stressing you out. Your fresh, new ideas in the workplace will be received very favorably. Conditions are excellent for rapid progress at work. Get in contact with an old friend you've lost track of.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

There may be heavy demands on you, so try to stick to routine and all will go well. If you have been clinging to either a child or lover, you need to let go a little, they need more space now. Angry words may flare between you and another, be cautious.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

Your mind is usually quick and perceptive. You will no doubt captivate others with your wit and wisdom. Authorities at work are interested in hearing your opinions, and the ability to see the big picture will be greatly appreciated. Listen to the ideas of others.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

If you can grasp an opportunity to better yourself financially don't pass it up, the effort is worth it. Again, the extra effort may be needed at work - go early and stay late. Your understanding of the needs of both men and women helps you mediate gender-based disputes.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Heavy demands are made on your time and energy. Disputes with family members can be resolved through thoughtful discussions. Any business meetings will also be productive. Your mate will end the week with a romantic interlude, and, if unattached, a new love is waiting.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

Your keen memory and problem-solving abilities will help you to impress your bosses. It's reality check time for you, with memories and intuition playing major roles in your actions for the next few months. There are powerful spiritual insights dominating your inner self.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

It may be time to step back from current projects to think things out, to give you a better perspective on long-term career strategies. It's a good time to share bright ideas with receptive colleagues. There seems to be an old adversary back on the scene, be cautious and patient.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

It will be a challenging week, and you are assertive in getting your ideas across. A friend will no doubt welcome your help, and may be either combative or irrational, so be patient with them. But there will also be a limit to patience, so know when to say enough is enough.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

Your health is in question during the week. Be reassured that there is nothing wrong with you that more rest and less stress won't cure. Take extra time for your mate, and have a long and loving talk with a loved one. Your communication skills will get you through the week's challenges.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

You may need to talk your ideas out. Nobody will mind though, because what you have to say is fascinating. The work week will start out with opportunity for monetary gains. There are differences of opinion which may threaten a friendship. Reslove them now.

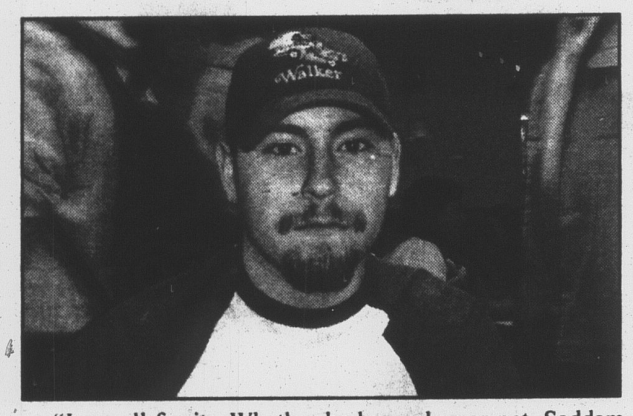
FEATURE

Question of the Week: War

What do you think about a war with Iraq?

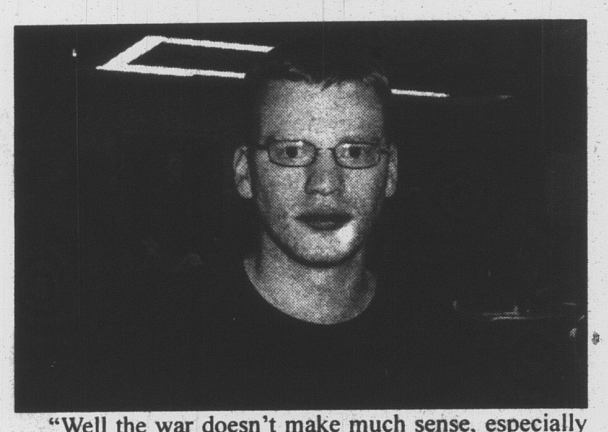
"My boyfriend is a marine and I am scared out of my mind. If he goes in, he is close to the front lines and I would never know if he is going to come home or not. I feel bad for all the other countries because they don't want a war. It would hurt them more than us if we were to go to war. There is too much at stake."

- Courtney Sass, junior



"I am all for it. Whether he has nukes or not, Saddam has been attacking out planes and violating UN sanctions for a decade. This isn't something that just sprouted up over night. Bush is just the first person to step up and do something about it, regardless of what the French think."

- Todd Wilson, junior



"Well the war doesn't make much sense, especially since we still have not caught bin Laden or destroyed Al Qaeda. Also, democratic elections in Iraq would lead to Shi'ite Muslims taking power, which would lead to an alliance with Shi'ite Muslim Iran. This is what the U.S. has tried to prevent for the last 20 years and why we once aided Saddam, a Sunni Muslim, in the first place."

- Ken Jae, junior

"I am for a war in Iraq because I feel that the possibility of being attacked must be addressed before we are attacked. Not an attack on us specifically, but our allies as well. I think some of our allies are suffering more of a threat of an attack than we are because of our geographical location." - Justin Hayek, first year

"My opinion is that I don't feel like I can give an adequate opinion because I don't know enough about the circumstances." - Kathy Shelenberger, senior

"I think there are other avenues that we should try before we go to war." - Jane Stubna, sophomore

"I feel that a war would basically do nothing because either a new ruler will just come to power and the same stuff will happen or a lot of people will get killed over oil." - Brian Campbell, first year

"I think in some instances that war is necessary but we need to make sure that we are going for the right reasons and not just to serve our own interests." - Tiffany Gardiner, junior

"I feel that a war is somewhat necessary if we can prove with evidence that Iraq is supplying terrorists with weapons or money to continue their operations." - Aaron Bruck, first year

"No matter what opinion stance I take, it doesn't matter if we go to war or not because I will not directly effect any decisions made by the government. Decisions include whether or not to go to war or the institution of the draft." - Jason Bedillion, first year

Fighting a war in a country we cannot find

by Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

The United States is at the brink of war, a war that, for thousands of people across the country and around the world, needs more justification. I am one of those people.

But I will not drag my opinion out on whether or not I feel a war with Iraq would be justified. And, it would be pointless to try to direct this article in the sense that I completely understand what is going on in the world. (Does anyone?)

I am far from a political genius. Sometimes, I think I need to go back to the third grade and start over, so I can relearn what I never paid attention to then.

If someone were to ask me to explain the difference between a Republican and a Democrat, I would turn extremely red in the face and admit that I couldn't answer them. It took me years to stop referring to Africa as a country, and I can maybe name 10 capitals to U.S. states if I am having a "smart day." It is embarrassing to admit, but why lie when I know I am not alone.

In the January 2003 edition of "National Geographic," the magazine's president, John M. Fahey, Jr., addressed the issue of geographic literacy of young adults, especially Americans, and the devastating results that came about from a recent nine-country poll issued by the National Geographic Society.

From the 18-to-24-year-olds commissioned for the poll, only 13 percent of the Americans could locate Iraq on a map, and only 23 percent of the young-adults worldwide could name four countries with nuclear weapons.

I fit in with the depressing figures from the poll, and after reading the statistics I was pretty upset. How can someone not be upset by the statistics? The United States is supporting a war by people that can't even place on a map where it is being fought. Does anyone see any significance in that? The only thing in the news these days is dealing with the issues in Iraq, and the superpower that wants to control the world and bring freedom to the Iraqi people can't even place the country on a map.

I don't want to be one of the statistics, and I obviously can't go back to the third grade, so I told myself I had to do something to change. I began reading "USA Today" and the "New York Times" on a daily basis to try to grasp what my country is getting into. I am also taking International Politics this semester with Dr. Andrea Grove so that I don't have to feel hypocritical when I say that this war is wrong. We have map quizzes, so unless I want to fail, I will learn where Iraq is on a map.

Opinions are flying high all around the world with protests and demonstrations retaliating against Bush's war with Iraq. People believe that the president is approaching issues with Iraq for the wrong reasons, reasons only Bush and his political groupies will ever know.

CNN was broadcasting on Tuesday evening the estimated costs of not going to war, along with the possibilities of what could happen if we let Saddam Hussein have time to wage a war against the U.S. Is anyone seeing the significance in a one-sided viewpoint? Does anyone care that we are being spoon-fed the news the government wants us to hear, rather than what is really going on? Providing one-sided issues tells our country that war is our only solution. The media are feeding us what the politicians want us to hear so that we don't fight, so that our opinions and beliefs never make it past a conversation on the couch.

When I walked the streets of Pittsburgh for Sunday's march and rally against the war, reciting chants for peace, I looked up at one of the University of Pittsburgh's dorm buildings and saw some people holding signs out of their windows reading, "I love Bush," and some other less appropriate obscenities against the thousands of protesters.

I wanted to walk up to those rooms and sit down with the people and ask them why they feel the way they do. I need justification. I want to know why some people want this war. I want to know if they can locate Iraq on a map.

Maybe I don't have the smarts to have an opinion. Maybe I should study a world map before preaching about the problem with geographical literacy. But in my heart, I believe that this war is wrong.

Classifieds

Valentines for Vets, sponsored by the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, is scheduled Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. in Hillside lobby. Come and make valentines for local veterans, and learn about the purpose of the fraternity.

Children's Lock-In, sponsored by the Westminster Softball Team, is Friday, Feb. 14, from 6-10 p.m. All children ages 3-12 are welcome to join in the games, movies, coloring, and more. Parents pay $10 if pre-registered or $12 at the door; each additional child in the same family is $6. Cost includes pizza and drinks, but a concession will also be available for ice cream, candy, etc.

Dress For Sale: Formal black dress for use in Westminster Choir performances; size 8-10. $75.00. Call Kristy, ext. 6662.

Car For Sale: 1989 Mercury Topaz-Great shape, runs well; 4 cylinder automatic, good gas mileage. Cheap Buy! For details and test drive, call (724) 699-3916.

Westminster College will present the gospel musical, **"Your Arms Too Short to Box with God,"** Thursday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. in Orr Auditiorium.

Evening Gowns for Sale: Hand made, one black one gold. Call campus ext 6922 or email kapuscs@westminster.edu

Easy Money: Will pay $40 for your phone book. Call Lee Ramsey toll free at 1-866-577-7237.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 31
Last Day to Add ($15 Fee)
Newman Club Retreat
Indoor M&W Track & Field @ Slippery Rock Open
11:40 a.m. Chapel
8:00 p.m. CPC Presents Megan Mooney (comic) - Down Under

SATURDAY 1
All Day Ski Club Trip to Holiday Valley, NY
Newman Club Retreat
1:00 p.m. M&W Swimming @ Hiram/W&J
2:00 p.m. M Basketball @ Bethany
4:00 p.m. W Basketball @ Bethany
7:00 p.m. Mass
8:00 p.m. Movie: Ghost Ship - Down Under

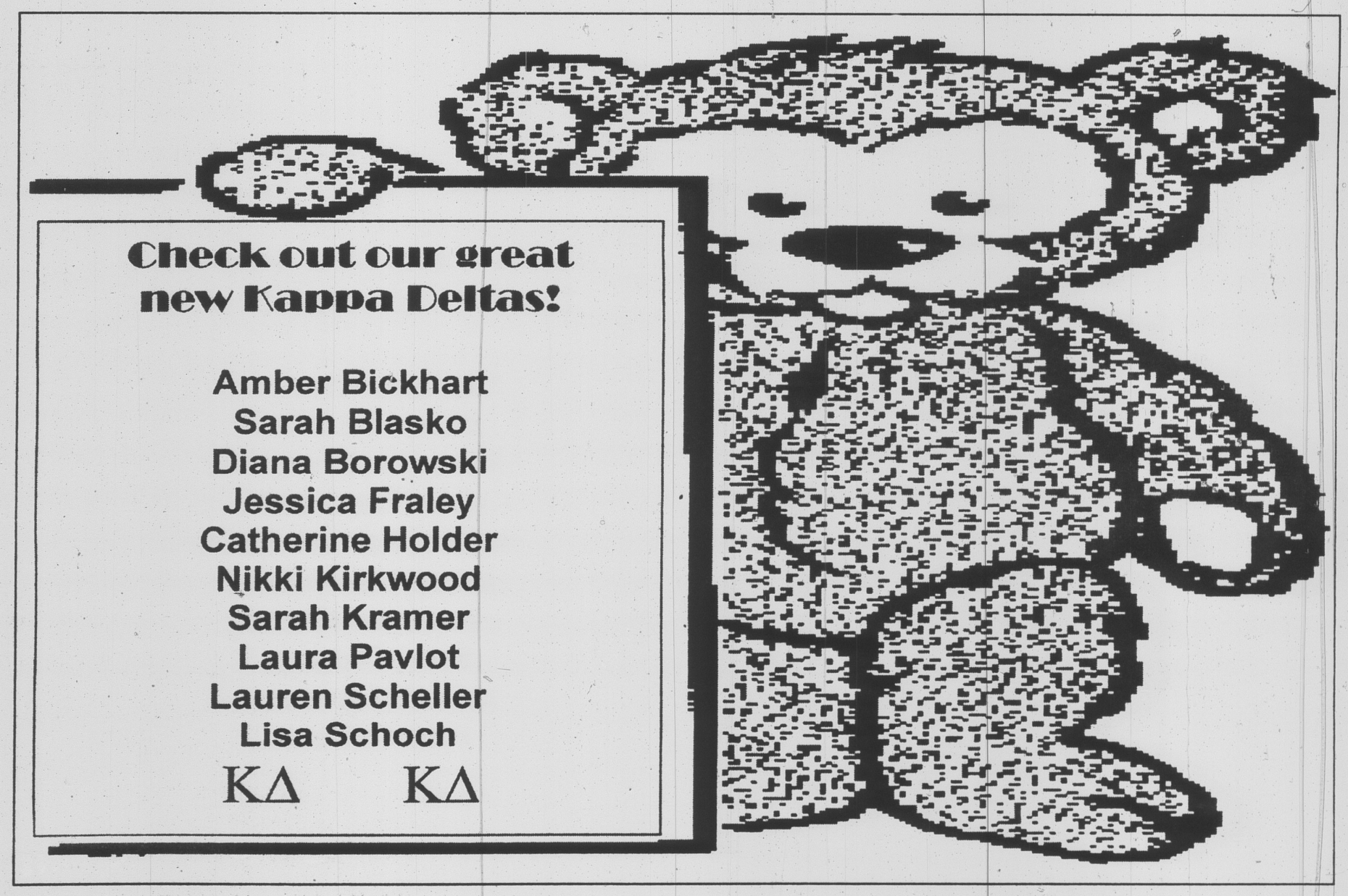
SUNDAY 2
3:00 p.m. Students' Recital:
Richard Leigh and Angela Lattanzio - Chapel
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie: Ghost Ship - Down Under

MONDAY 3
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:15 p.m. Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon Begins for Four Weeks - Thompson House
7:00 p.m. W Basketball @ Penn State-Altoona
TBA M Basketball @ Waynesburg
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 am Late Night - Down Under

TUESDAY 4
File 2003 FAFSA
11:00 a.m. Faculty Meeting - Beeghly Theater
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
7:00 p.m. International Film Festival - Down Under
7:00 p.m. M&W Swimming @ Grove City
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 am Late Night - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 5
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
8:00 p.m. Outdoor and Conservation Club Meeting - HSC 369
9:30 p.m. Seekers Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 6
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir - Chapel
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 am Late Night - Down Under



At the Down Under

Friday:

Comic Megan Mooney

8:00 pm

Free Cappucino

Saturday:

Movie: Ghost Ship

8:00 pm

Night Owl Bowling

(Leaving Old 77 at 11:00 pm, cost $2.00)

Sunday:

Movie: Ghost Ship

9:00 pm

Free Popcorn and Pop

Weekly Events:

Late Nights

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays

10pm-2am

Lovey Dovey Holcad Contest

Tell your sweetie or best friend how much you care this Valentine's Day by letting us print a special message from you in the February 14th issue of the Holcad. Attach your entry to this form and send it with love to our campus box # 157. A name will be drawn at random to win a $50 gift certificate for a dinner for two.

Deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 12. The winner will be announced in the Feb. 14th paper. Only one entry per student.

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Are we there yet?

by Amy DalBon
Staff Writer

With the general contractors scheduled to leave by the end of February, the campus center construction is nearly complete. There is still much interior work to be done before the building is ready to use, however. Starting this week, audio-visual contractors will start to set up the smart classroom equipment for the conference rooms. Project Manager, Larry Ratvasky, said that it is going to take a while for the building to be completely finished because of all the detailed wiring.

"This isn't something that happens instantly," he said.

Ratvasky explained the new pieces of equipment that are going into some of the rooms.

"The big attraction in the Orchard Street Café is going to be the four to six network connectors in the booths that allow students to plug in their laptops and log on to the network," he said.

The café network goes to a single screen on the wall so students can work on projects or play games together. The club room will have a sports bar atmosphere, with multiple TVs and a 42-inch plasma display. The theater and ballroom areas will have DVD projectors instead of film.

The new TV and radio stations will also be moving into the new center along with the bookstore, mailroom and Career Center. As with the rest of the building, all new equipment is going into the stations to keep them up-to-date and to give the students the best training possible.

Chief Engineer Chuck Chirozzi said that the equipment being put into the station is more advanced that what business stations have now.

"This is the most modern board out there. Most companies would kill to have this equipment. It's all digital-

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Campus Center

the newest out there," he said.

Sophomore broadcasting major Megan Marshall is very excited about the new station.

"The new campus center is awesome, but I'm looking forward to using the new radio station the most because everything is brand new and high tech. Having a radio shift is going to be like having a job at a real station," she said.

With all this new equipment also comes new ways to keep things secure. Areas like the radio and TV station and the theater are going to have Titan card locks on the doors, so only students with faculty permission can access these areas.

The building dedication will take place the Friday before graduation this year. At that point, all construction will be completed. After graduation, all the finishing touches will be put on the center, and it will be fully functional and ready for student use by fall semester 2003.

Campus reacts to Bush's State of the Union address

by Teale Ganster
Staff Writer

Since President Bush gave his State of the Union Address on Jan. 28, America is on the edge of its seat about war. Although he never officially stated that the country was going to war, many citizens believe the main reason for the address was to suggest such a possibility. The Westminster community has been very vocal on this opinion.

Most of the students seem to agree that war is not the answer. Many of them have friends in the service and are worried they may get shipped to the Middle East themselves. "Knowing someone over there puts a different aspect on the meaning of war," said senior Bridgette Kennedy. "I don't understand why we might be going to war without support from other countries, this is frustrating for me."

Frustrating may be a word that many agree to describe the emotions. Though United States may be frustrated about the situation, many feel the idea of going to war is a lose-lose situation. "I think that the U.S. people would disagree if we did go to war, but if we don't take some action, America would still be unhappy," said senior Sarah Bruening.

Some of the faculty holds similar views. "I would hate to see innocent children caught in the middle of this, but President Bush and the American people need to take a stand," said Debbie White.

Is now the right time to take a stand? It's been almost two years now since the tragedy of Sept. 11 and the government is showing no concrete evidence that the country is winning the war on terrorism despite what President Bush says. Some believe that America is losing sight of what our main focus is - the war against terrorism.

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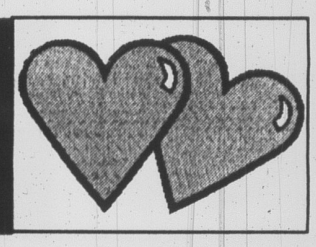

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Saturday: Cloudy high 39° low 31°

Sunday: Cloudy high 42° low 33°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Fraternities to pick up new members tomorrow

by Josh Flaim
Staff Writer

Each year on campus, a recurring question arises with first-year and independent students: whether or not to rush a fraternity.

Each fraternity has the opportunity to host 3 rush parties, including a Smoker at each house. Also, the houses are open for parties each weekend all semester long for first-year students to meet the brothers. On the morning of Saturday Feb. 8, campus will be bursting with morning activity and fraternal pride.

Fraternities will add a new group of members to their brotherhoods. Since Jan. 20, brothers from all fraternities have been sitting outside the Cafeteria and Tub encouraging freshman and independents to sign up for rush.

"I believe that rushing a fraternity is a great way to form a brotherhood with your future brothers, and it is a great way to bond with people from different cultures. In just ten minutes you will have a handful of new friends," said sophomore Jerome Bonenberger of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

However, the current President of Inter-Fraternity Council and brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Marcus Corvino, is uncertain about the success of this semester's rush.

"I think this is going to be the worst rush ever because of the amount of eligible first-year guys. I doubt any fraternity will have high numbers of guys getting picked up," he said.

Out of about of 120 freshman males, 82 are eligible to go Greek.

"It looks like rushing is going to be a lot of fun. So far all of the Smokers have been a good time," freshman Jason Mackey said.

Freshman Ryan Chmura agreed. "Rush will be cool, and I am excited to get to know all the guys in the frat a little better," he said.

On Fraternity Bid Day, the lawns outside of Russell Hall and Memorial Field House will be an array of activities. Students, sororities, families and friends will be out cheering on the guys who have decided to accept their bids and go Greek.

"It is Fun to see what fraternity everyone chooses that morning," Jill Sanker, a sophomore Sigma Kappa said.

CPC plans activities for new semester

by Sarah Bowers
Staff Writer

As a new spring semester unfolds, members of the Campus Programming Committee are under new leadership, but their purpose remains the same.

The committee strives to bring various types of entertainment to students. The CPC travels to two conferences every year. Members attend a regional conference in the fall and a national conference in the spring. At each conference, performers showcase their talent. Student representatives from colleges around the country view the acts and decide which performers best suit their communities. They then book the performers.

"My personal goal is to please as many students as I can, so I'd appreciate any input as to what the students want from the CPC," junior CPC chair Craig Carlin said.

The CPC is responsible for many on-campus activities, including Lil' Sibs Weekend, an event for which the college gains enormous publicity. The CPC also plans the weekend events at J.T.'s Café and organizes Late Night Bowling for the entire campus. Other ideas still circulating include a spring all-campus formal and ice-skating outings.

Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Camille Hawthorne, encourages students to join the committee, because it provides them with the opportunity to stay on campus and participate in campus-related activities. CPC also allows for student leadership development. As members of this organization, students must deal with entertainers and their agents, as well as with peers when organizing and planning events. Members must also gain the ability to negotiate contracts with the different performers.

"We could use more people on CPC to spread the wealth of opportunities," Hawthorne said.

Junior co-chair Diana Rodenhausen wishes more students would pay attention to the CPC posters around campus to find out more about the organization.

"I wanted to show more leadership within the school, have a say in who we can get to come to the school and what fun things the students can do," she said.

Upcoming events this month include a performance by comedian Finesse Mitchell at 8 p.m. at the Down Under on Feb. 7. On Feb. 14, the college's Mardi Gras celebration will include SGA selected bands, Allister and December Son. On Feb. 15, an evening of Night-Owl Bowling is planned, and on Feb. 21, J.T.'s Café will take place in the Down Under.

The CPC always welcomes new members, ideas and questions. For anyone interested, the committee holds meetings on Tuesdays at 10 p.m. in the Down Under.

Government refunds cash for overpriced CDs

by Melissa Logan
Staff Writer

Anyone who purchased a CD, tape or vinyl record between Jan. 1, 1995 and Dec. 22, 2000 may be eligible for a pleasant surprise by the tune of a $20 refund check. Wondering why?

On May 18, 2000, the law firm of Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Lerach filed suit on behalf of consumers against a number of music CD distributors and retailers, accusing them and unnamed co-conspirators of price-fixing. The plaintiff claims that the music labels violated the "Compact Disc Minimum Advertised Price Antitrust Litigation," and therefore illegally raised the prices of prerecorded music.

If found guilty of violating the act, the defendants will owe the public $143,075,000 in both cash and non-cash considerations. Cash payments total $67,375,000. Non-cash payments equal the balance worth $75,700,000 in prerecorded CDs.

After the payment of attorneys' fees, litigation and settlement administration costs, the amount remaining will be divided among the eligible music purchasers ranging between $5 and $20 per person. Should each person or entity be eligible for less than $5, the total amount will be distributed to not-for-profit, charitable, governmental or public entities. The funds will be used for music-related purposes or programs.

"This law suit proves just how trivial the public has become," junior Hazel Kean said. "But, it's 20 bucks that I didn't have before, so I might as well collect my check."

To be eligible for the refund, a person must have purchased at least one CD, tape, or record between the designated dates and file an official claim. Claims can be filed electronically by visiting www.musiccdsettlement.com and clicking on "File a Claim." To obtain a hard copy of the form call 1-877-347-4782 or write to the Claims Administrator at PO Box 1650, Faribault, MN 55021-1650.

"This is a good idea, but I'm a bit skeptical. I wonder how many other companies are ripping off the public," junior Craig Carlin said. "But I think that I may file a claim though."

All claims must be electronically filed or post marked by March 3, 2003. A fairness hearing will be made held May 22, 2003 to determine if the proposed settlement is fair. Only one claim can be filed per person.

For additional information on the lawsuit, a complete list of defendants or to file a claim, visit www.musiccdsettlement.com.

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"We've lost sight of our true goal, this focus on Iraq is a way to divert our attention," said junior Drew Huston. "Where is Osama?"

Citizens' reactions may or may not matter to the government, but whether one agrees with the war or opposes it, it is important for the Westminster community continues to remain vocal on this issue.

Theater department prepares for spring season

by Katie Fisher
Staff Writer

In the upcoming months, many events will be taking place in the theatre department.

Theatre Westminster is busy hosting auditions and rehearsals, as well as other activities, such as renovating certain areas of Beeghly Theatre. "Detective Story," a play by Sidney Kingsley, will open Feb. 27. It was written in the late 1940s and is similar to the television series "NYPD Blue" because it portrays a detective squad in the New York City police department. "Detective Story" will feature 27 cast members and Dr. Eileen Hendrickson will be directing the play.

After "Detective Story" concludes, Alpha Psi-Omega, the honorary theatre fraternity, will present the annual one-act festival. The one-acts consist of eight short plays that are all directed by members of the honorary theatre fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega. The acts will consist of comedic, dramatic, and even controversial topics.

Sophomore Lindsay Ponsonby acted in the festival last year and enjoyed the experience. "One-acts are my favorite because it's a great time to just have fun and get to work with some very talented peers," she said. "I loved being involved last year."

During the first or second week of March, auditions will be held for the classic comedy, "The Important of Being Earnest," by Oscar Wilde. The play, which will open May 1, will be directed by Scott Mackenzie, assistant professor of theatre. "Earnest" focuses on the idiocy of the upper class British at the end of the 19th century. The cast will be small with only nine cast members.

Mackenzie is very dedicated to giving the theatre students opportunities to grow and develop in their major. Over Christmas break; he took eleven theatre students to the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival at the University of Maryland. "We saw several very good plays from other colleges and attended lots of theatre workshops on subjects ranging from voice and diction to sociodrama to improvisation and auditioning," Mackenzie stated.

photo by Kristin Park

Interior of Beeghly Theater

Along with the upcoming plays, other activities will be taking place as well. New carpet and wallpaper will be installed in Beeghly Theatre to create a more enjoyable atmosphere. Talks of renovating the seats and adding air conditioning have begun, but those are big projects that will require much planning.

The theatre department continues to grow and become more successful.

Earlier this year, the musical, "Crazy for You" was a sold-out success. "It was such a great experience. I loved every minute of it and developed so many great relationships," sophomore Natalie Krivonik said. Hendrickson has worked hard to find shows that will provide lots of opportunities for all students.

In regards to the upcoming semester, Mackenzie is optimistic. "We are in some exciting times at our theatre and expect things to only get better as we grow and develop new performance and production opportunities," he said.

Ski Club hits slopes, starts new season

by Christine Atkins
Staff Writer

The Westminster Ski Club hit the Holiday Valley slopes for the first time this year, taking advantage of the excellent skiing conditions and the chance to make new friendships. Holiday Valley of Ellicottville, New York was beautiful this past Saturday and started the ski club season off strongly.

Holiday Valley's 52 slopes and 12 lifts were extra busy this past weekend with a temperature of 30 degrees and sunny skies. The slopes were as inviting as ever to Westminster students. "The powdery packed snow made the skiing experience awesome," said Issac Ludwig, ski club vice president.

Ski club also provides students with a way to meet and make new friends not only from Westminster, but from other local colleges in the area as well. "Going on ski club trips provides great opportunities to meet people with similar interests and to make new friends. It is also a great off-campus weekend activity," said Lydia Humenycky, ski club president.

Currently, the club is looking into planning joint ski trips with other local colleges including Slippery Rock University. They are also looking into planning trips to Peek 'n Peak of Clymer, New York for some additional slopes on which to test their skills. The next two ski trips planned are for Feb. 15 and March 1.

The cost for ski club membership is $5 and includes group discounts. Students of all skiing abilities are welcomed and invited. Transportation for ski trips is provided by the college by means of a luxury bus. Anyone interested in joining ski club can either contact Isaac Ludwig at 724-946-3815, or Lydia Humenycky at campus extension 7643.

Students return from studying abroad in Europe and Asia

by Jessica Bevan
Staff Writer

When classes started a few weeks ago, students might have noticed a few unfamiliar faces in their classes. In addition to transfer students, ten juniors and seniors returned to Westminster from spending the fall semester at colleges overseas.

These ten students took advantage of the chance to study in Europe, Asia, and even on a cruise ship.

This opportunity allows students to experience an entirely different landscape, culture, and school structure. Most of the travelers stayed in cities much larger than what they are accustomed to in New Wilmington.

"The most surprising cultural difference that I had to adjust to was that I wasn't just a foreigner, I looked foreign," said junior Carolyn Miller, who studied at the Kansai Gaidai University, in Osaka, Japan. "And the Japanese act a lot differently toward people who aren't them. They would automatically assume I spoke absolutely no Japanese, that I was just a tourist, that I was stupid, that I was contagious. It was really interesting to observe."

"I had a 45 minute commute to school by public bus each day," junior Stephanie Maccaglia said, who spent the semester at the American College of Thessaloniki, in Greece. "It was quite an adjustment for someone who always enjoyed rolling out of bed last minute to just make it to class on time. But I really enjoyed being able to walk most places. We used public transportation mainly for school. Everywhere else was in walking distance."

Additional traveling opportunities that the students took throughout Europe were often their most valuable memories.

"I spent nearly a week in Italy, a five day holiday in Crete, spent a weekend in Athens, went to the beaches of Halkidiki, and saw the famed monasteries of Meteora," Maccaglia said.

Lauren Campbell, who completed a Semester at Sea through the University of Pittsburgh, definitely clocked the most mileage. The large traveling school circles the globe, stopping in countries such as Cuba, Brazil, South Africa, India and Japan. Campbell had a hard time choosing her most memorable experience because of her extensive travels.

"Some of the top include: driving like lunatics on red-dirt roads in search of lions and eventually finding four adult lions and three cubs munching on zebra, watching the sunset at the Taj Mahal, getting incredibly sore hiking on the Great Wall of China, crawling through the Cu Chi Tunnels in Vietnam, meeting the kids of a Brazilian favela [slum area] and spending some hours with them, the sunrise at the River Ganges in India, where Hindus were bathing for their morning ritual and open air cremations were taking place, sky diving in South Africa, and listening to Castro speak in Cuba," Campbell said. "I can go on and on."

Dr. Fredrick Horn is Westminster's Director of Off-Campus Study. He can guide anyone who is interested in spending a semester away from campus through the process of finding the right school and applying.

"Work hard to organize your program before you go, but once you're there, enjoy yourself," Maccaglia said. "School was not my first priority, although it is important to do well academically. Take time to enjoy a new culture, see and experience things. Travel as much as you can because you'll never be able to do it so cheaply again."

Your Student Government Association

Here's what's going on this week with your SGA:

The Facility Grounds Review Board will meet Thursday, February 24 at 2 p.m. in the Miller Board Room. Any member of the campus community is invited to attend and express your concerns.

Support Diversity at Westminster by attending Grammy award winner Cissy Houston's concert in Orr Auditorium on February 13, 2003 at 8 p.m. Houston, who is Whitney Houston's mother, will be presenting "Your Arms Too Short to Box With God." The Office of Diversity Services is bringing this concert to us.

Student involvement in the Academic Dean search effort is very important and hasn't been overlooked by Westminster faculty and administration. Currently, a small panel of students is meeting and interviewing each dean candidate. In addition to the student panel, all students are invited to attend the candidate presentations. This is your chance to have a say in who our new Dean will be.

The judicial committee has been reviewing many concerns including: the computer labs are open on Saturdays. Make sure you check the schedules posted outside each lab to see the hours of operation. The labs have been closing early during the week because of a lack of student usage in the late hours. The committee is also looking into the issue that Titan Cards are possibly being stolen out of the recreation center. Finally, they discussed the New Wilmington cable issue and why a few of the channels aren't coming in clear. Also the boro is in the process of taking bids from cable companies to obtain better service.

For finance, Alpha Kappa Delta, the Sociology Honor Society was allocated $710 from the Grant budget. This is a new organization on campus and the money will be used to help the club get underway.

The Planning, Budget, and Institutional Resource Council (PBIRC) met and discussed the completion of the Westminster Plan up until the present. They also talked about the renovation of Old Main, the Marge Walker Fitness Center in the bottom of Old 77, beautification to the Lake Brittain area, and possible renovations to the library. Also, sprinkler systems will be installed in the dorms in increments. Eventually all dorms will have them.

The Enrollment Management Council discussed why there are so many more females than males on campus. A main source of admitting students to campus is SAT scores. Primarily, females have been scoring higher than the males, therefore resulting in the female to male ratio. There is also a 39% to 61% gender pool for applications.

The special events committee is planning a trip to the Penguins game on February 23. Look for an email containing ticket information coming out on or around the 10th. They are also planning a trip to a Pirates game.

This weekend in the Down Under: comic Finesse Mitchell will be performing on Friday at 8pm. JT's Café will follow from 10pm – 2am. The movie "Red Dragon" will be shown Saturday and Sunday nights at 8pm. Come for the movie, and free pop and popcorn!

Elections were held to fill senate vacancies. Congratulations to first year students Amy Schroeder and Richard Humphrey, Sophomore Andrea Ceplecci, Junior Todd Wilson, and Seniors Bobby Campbell and Diana Wells.

Finally, there is a $50 reward being offered to anyone who has information that would result in the judicial prosecution of the person who stole the Theta Chi flag that was in front of their house. If you know

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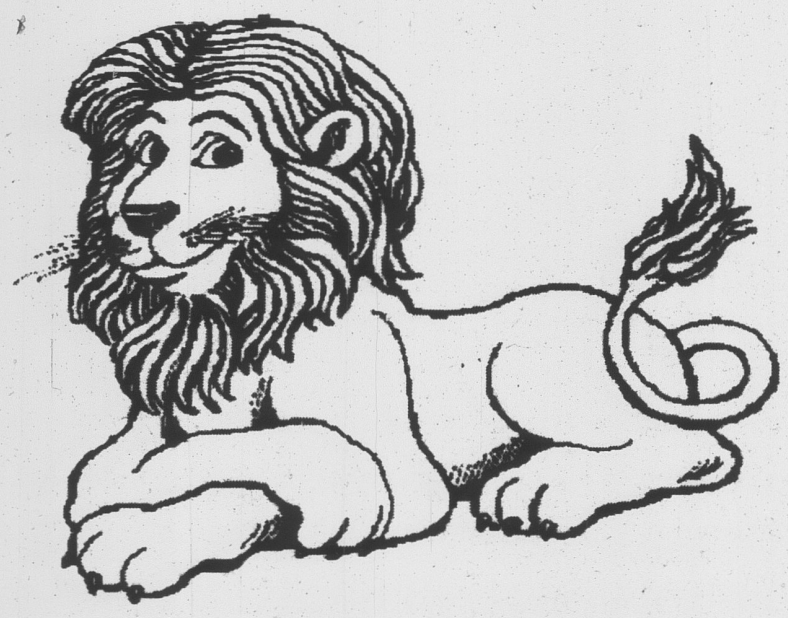

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Government coming down on Ohio Power Plant pollution problem

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) An Ohio utility failed to add required pollution controls to one of its plants, the Justice Department argued at the start of the first trial over government accusations that Midwestern and Southern power plants violated clean air laws.

The Justice Department has accused several utilities of rebuilding 36 power plants without installing state-of-the-art smog controls required under the Clean Air Act. The government says pollution from the plants winds up in the Northeast, where it causes acid rain and health problems.

FirstEnergy Corp. is accused of failing to install the controls on its W.H. Sammis plant near Steubenville during work done between 1984 and 1998.

The Akron-based company says the work was routine maintenance and not major improvements that require additional pollution controls.

Mark Monti, a former plant engineer, testified Tuesday that he was involved in a number of projects that the Environmental Protection Agency cites as examples of work that was not routine maintenance. He said some work on the plant was designed to expand the operating life of some of the parts by up to 30 years.

Monti said that in 1992 a number of key components were replaced in one of the plant's seven units after an outage. He said he never saw similar work done on the other units, and if the work had not been done, the unit would have put out less power as time went on.

Mason Evans, an attorney with FirstEnergy, said the plant is in compliance with its permits and the work did not increase generating capacity or emissions.

In his opening statements Monday, Justice Department lawyer Jon Mueller said the work extended the life of the plant and allowed it to generate more electricity.

The trial is expected to last about three weeks. If U.S. District Judge Edmund Sargus decides FirstEnergy violated clean air rules, there will be a second trial to determine what the company should do to correct the violations.

The Justice Department is continuing with the Clinton-era lawsuits even though the Bush administration is considering easing clean air rules to allow utilities to avoid having to install expensive new anti-pollution equipment when modernizing plants.

"These were cases that were already filed before there were changes, so they are subject to the law as it existed at that time," said Charles Miller, a Justice Department spokesman.

The government's second trial is scheduled to begin on March 31 in Indiana against Southern Indiana Gas & Electric.

The case against Columbus-based American Electric Power, one of the nation's largest power generators, is expected to go before Sargus in January 2005.

Teenager perfects uncommon and advanced confectionary art

NEW HOLLAND, Pa. (AP) It just lies there like a little blob of boiled red sugar. Which is exactly what it is - sugar and 45 drops of tartaric acid.

But as it cools, the teenage boy stretches the red blob, twists, heats it again, pulls and blows into it with a mouth pipe.

Suddenly - sweet mother of confection - the blob has turned into a beautiful "crystal" apple, a masterpiece of art.

The boy lays the new creation down beside a cluster of grapes, a banana and a peach he has created. The life-size fruit glistens and nearly glows under the kitchen's strong lights.

It looks like fine crystal and when it breaks, it pops and shatters like glass.

"I like doing this," said Anthony Valerio, 16, of New Holland. "I like seeing what I can make."

Valerio is performing an advanced confectionery art, called pulled and blown sugar. It is an uncommon skill in this country and it is even more unusual for it to be performed by someone as young as Valerio, a junior at Garden Spot High School.

"Anthony is the youngest person I've had in my class," says Julie Bashore, owner of the House of Clarendon bakery on West Walnut Street, where Valerio is working and taking classes. "He absorbs any information with great enthusiasm. He works at anything I teach him."

Bashore said pulling and blowing sugar into elaborate figures was developed in Europe and is one of the oldest sugar arts ever invented.

She learned the skill herself as she was getting her degree in Switzerland as a confectionery artist, something one can obtain only in France and Switzerland.

"The courses that I teach here are specialty courses," Bashore said. "They are probably items that are not covered in the curriculum of culinary school until the fourth year."

Valerio said he got his "taste" for fine cooking as a youngster watching cooking shows with his mother, Nadine.

"When he was little, he used to go around saying 'mix, mix, mix, blend, blend, blend.' He was really intrigued with all of it," said Nadine Valerio.

Valerio says that someday he wants to be a pastry chef at a fancy restaurant or a chef on a cruise line.

Under Bashore's tutelage, Valerio has learned to make fondant icing, wedding cakes and the ultimate blown and pulled sugar.

"I knew as soon as I walked in (to House of Clarendon), and I saw the case, I knew this is where I wanted to be," said Valerio.

Bashore said normally she doesn't have teenagers working for her but when Valerio showed up in a suit and tie and continued to be persistent about his desire to learn from her, she relented.

"I don't allow him to give me substandard work because of his age," she said. "He's definitely very artistic and he has a passion for what he does."

Regional Briefs

Criminal charges dropped

GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP) A man whose life sentence was thrown out in the ice-pick slaying of a drug dealer has been freed because he pleaded guilty to lesser charges rather than face another trial.

Before his retrial was scheduled to begin Monday, Daniel Tyus, 48, formerly of Pittsburgh, pleaded no contest to conspiracy in exchange for prosecutors' dropping a homicide charge in the 1997 death of Kevin Golden, 35, of New Kensington, a Pittsburgh suburb.

Tyus was sentenced to time he already served - 4 years, 3 months - and placed on probation. He was released from prison in October pending retrial.

Tyus and another man, Eugene Williams, 57, killed Golden in a soured drug deal on June 14, 1997, police said. Golden was stabbed 35 times with an ice pick and bled to death.

Tyus and Williams were convicted in November 2001 and sentenced to life in prison without parole. Their convictions were later thrown out after a judge ruled their attorneys were ineffective.

Public corruption charges

BEAVER, Pa. (AP) State police on Tuesday were rounding up eight people who were charged with public corruption by a state grand jury.

Those charged include three current Beaver County jail guards, a former Beaver County jail guard and a county sheriff's deputy, state Attorney General Mike Fisher's office said.

A former corrections officer at the State Correctional Institution-Greene and a youth detention counselor in neighboring Lawrence County also are charged, authorities said.

The defendants face charges including bribery, perjury, conspiracy and theft.

Scholarship applications

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Applications are being accepted for the $2,500 Ralph Flamminio Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a Pennsylvania resident attending a four-year college or university.

The scholarship is offered by the Pennsylvania Associated Press Managing Editors, which is composed of editors of AP member newspapers in the state. In addition to the cash award, the student will receive an internship at a Pennsylvania newspaper.

Applicants do not have to be journalism majors, but they should have experience with their college newspapers. Applications must include a cover letter from the student describing his or her activities and hobbies, experience in print journalism and interest in the field; a college transcript; up to five non-returnable clippings of the student's published work in newspapers; and a letter of recommendation from a college advisor, professor or professional journalist.

Full details are available by writing Jeff Pinski, PAPME Scholarship Committee, C/O Erie Times-News, 205 W. 12th Street, Erie, PA, 16534, or e-mailing him at jeff.pinski@timesnews.com.

The application deadline is April 15. The winner will be notified in late April and invited to attend the Pennsylvania Press Conference in Harrisburg May 9 to receive the award.

Violent fight at school game

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) Police said they are withdrawing charges against three adults who authorities said were involved in a brawl during a Williamsport Area High School basketball game.

However, one of those charged after Saturday's incident - assistant coach Matthew Johnson - has been suspended from coaching pending an investigation, school district spokesman James Dugan said Monday.

Disorderly conduct charges were withdrawn Monday against Johnson, 30; Bogan Jackson, 23; and D'Andrea L. Vidal, 21. An investigation is continuing and new charges may be filed, police Chief Michael Foust said Monday.

The disturbance erupted after Williamsport head coach Michael Bailey was shoved to the floor by one of his players and fans rushed the court, police said. Police said more than a dozen people were involved in the fight - seen live on the Pennsylvania Cable Network, which broadcast the game.

Children awarded $2.7 million

PITTSBURGH (AP) The children of a woman hit and killed by a truck while returning from a smoking break were awarded $2.7 million by a jury.

Kathleen Shaw, 55, of Pittsburgh, had to walk 100 yards across a poorly lighted parking lot at PJAX Inc. trucking in Richland to smoke because of company policy, her attorney Alan H. Perer, said after Monday's verdict.

Shaw was killed when she was struck by a tractor trailer about 6 p.m. on Nov. 2, 2001. Police said the driver likely did not see Shaw and was not charged.

The Allegheny County jury deliberated for a little more than an hour before ruling against Northridge. It awarded $2.7 million in damages to Shaw's daughter Amy and son Patrick, a city firefighter.

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New study claims sex on TV today is steamier, but safer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) The sex you see on television these days is steamier, but also safer, than what you watched just two or three years ago, according to a new study.

While the percentage of shows depicting or implying sexual intercourse has risen to 14 percent, compared with 10 percent two years ago, the number of those shows that make references to "safer sex" has increased to 26 percent, double what it was four years ago. For shows with sexual content involving teenagers, one in three, or 34 percent, included a safer sex reference, almost double the 18 percent rate found four years ago.

The references, which included such topics as abstinence or the dangers of unprotected sex, show that while television is becoming more titillating it is also becoming more honest, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, which released the study Tuesday.

"It's good to see that some in the Hollywood community are seizing the opportunity to play a positive role," said Vicky Rideout, the Kaiser Family Foundation vice president who oversaw the study.

The foundation also found that one out of five of the top 20 shows among teenage viewers included implied or depicted sexual intercourse. Previous studies, which began in 1999, did not break out the number of shows favored by teens.

Of shows with any kind of sexual content - including talking about sex, kissing and intimate touching - 15 percent contained safer sex references, up from 10 percent two years ago.

A student facing an unplanned pregnancy on "Boston Public," a man diagnosed with AIDS on "ER," and a mother-daughter sex talk on "The Young and the Restless" were among examples cited by researchers.

The rate of sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies, particularly among impressionable adolescents, makes such an approach important, Rideout said.

A majority of teenagers cite TV as an important source of information about sex, according to studies cited by the foundation. Other studies have found a correlation between watching TV programs with sexual content and the early initiation of intercourse, the Kaiser report said.

The study was released at a news conference, which was followed by a panel discussion that included members of the entertainment industry as well as experts on teenagers and the media.

One industry member expressed surprise at how saturated TV is with sex.

"I am blown away ... at how much sexual content there is in prime-time television," said Paramount Television President Garry Hart. "It's a tidal wave."

The media must act responsibly, Hart said, but is not required to educate. If TV programs end up with nothing but messages, no one will watch, he said.

Judith Levine, author of "Harmful to Minors: The Perils of Protecting Children from Sex," agreed that she had questions about using popular culture to convey messages.

"Did Shakespeare ever talk about safe sex? Do comic books?"Levine asked.

Sitcoms, she said, are merely 22 minutes of farce.

The study found that TV's fascination with sex in all its facets is holding steady.

The rate of shows with any sexual content, including sexual talk and touching, is similar to that found previously: 64 percent of all shows in the current study, compared to 68 percent two years ago.

"Among prime-time shows, seven out of 10 have sexual content, so there's not too much room for more," Rideout said.

In the top 20 shows among teenage viewers, eight in 10 episodes, or 83 percent, had some sexual content, the study found.

"Sex on TV 3: Content and Context" looked at a random sample of more than 1,100 shows, including movies, drama and comedy series, soap operas, talk shows, newsmagazines and reality shows.

Both broadcasting and cable were represented. Researchers studied the top four broadcast networks, ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC; PBS; basic cable networks Lifetime, TNT and USA; premium cable channel HBO, and a Los Angeles station, KTLA, which is a WB affiliate.

The study was designed by the foundation and Dale Kunkel of the University of California, Santa Barbara, and was conducted by Kunkel and colleagues.

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation is an independent philanthropic group that studies health care, including reproductive and AIDS-related issues. It is not affiliated with the Kaiser medical organization.

Is the United States repeating history?

NEW YORK (AP) The similarities are hard to ignore: A Bush is in the White House, a war is brewing in Iraq and the U.S. economy is on a shaky path.

Today sure sounds like 1991 all over again, and that's why everyone from Wall Street to Main Street is looking to the past for hints about our economic future.

It's when you dig a little deeper that you see why history might not help.

The economy is in much better shape now than it was back then, when a recession and wartime coincided. And that could mean today's economy won't be as scarred by the effects of war.

"This economic cycle may seem very reminiscent of the last cycle during war, but we are much farther along today than we were then," said Scott Pedowitz, an interest rate strategist at Commerzbank Securities who wrote a report on the subject.

That's not to say that looking back at the economy during the Gulf War isn't useful as a gauge for how it might react today.

It is the best blueprint for a modern war, where so much advanced positioning rattles businesses, consumers and investors well before the fighting even begins.

But there are real distinctions between wartime and the economy then and now.

"There is no doubt that there is much better support in the economy right now, and that is important," said Gary Thayer, chief economist at the St. Louis-based brokerage firm A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc.

The Gulf War took place during a recession that resulted from an economic slowdown following the investment boom of the late 1980s. The recession started in July 1990, a month before Iraq invaded Kuwait, and ended in March 1991, a month after the war ended.

Today, the economy has already started to climb out of a slump following the bursting of the late 1990s dot-com bubble. And while current growth remains very slow, gross domestic product hasn't declined since the third quarter of 2001.

When it comes to the labor market, the current unemployment rate of 6 percent is similar to what was seen at the start of the Gulf War.

However, back then the jobless rate had just started to rise, and it eventually peaked at 7.8 percent in June 1992. Today's rate has been hovering around 6 percent for almost a year since rising from its low of to 3.9 percent in October 2000.

Another key difference has to do with inflation. In the early 1990s, the inflation rate jumped to around 6 percent. That meant consumers weren't only squeezed by the threat of war but they were feeling the stress of higher prices.

Inflation today barely exists, and some economists even say we are experiencing disinflation, or possibly deflation in certain product categories, including clothing and electronics.

And then there are the stark differences in interest rates.

The federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans, was at 6.75 percent at the start of the Gulf War, after six rate cuts that began in July 1990. And after the war, the Federal Reserve cut interest rates 12 times over two years to push rates down to 3 percent at the end of 1992.

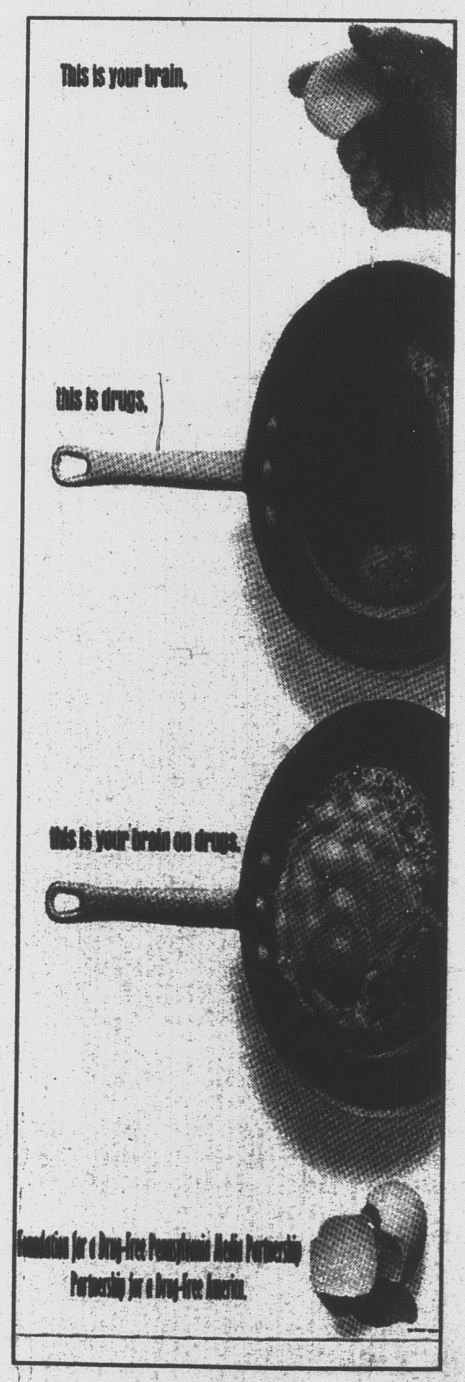
Today, interest rates are at 1.25 percent after 12 rate cuts by the Fed over the last two years. The low rates have helped buoy consumer spending, especially of homes and autos.

After the Gulf War ended, the economy began its biggest expansion ever, lasting until March 2001. It was a slow climb, though, in those first few years.

We've already started that climb today. In fact, we are in the second year of it, and expectations are for the recovery to really kick in once the uncertainties of war subside.

"The potential for harm to the economy (from war) is real but is it as great as currently feared? We doubt it," the economics group at the investment firm Wachovia Securities wrote in a recent report.

So while history often can give guidance, it doesn't always provide answers.



INTERNATIONAL

Will Turkey help us in the event of a war with Iraq?

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) Turkey's top politician began preparing the public for possible war, saying Tuesday that Iraq is not "taking the necessary steps" for peace and that Turkey would lose any say in Iraq's future if it does not join in an operation.

The dramatic shift by Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who has long emphasized peace in Iraq, came before a vote in parliament, expected Friday, that could allow the United States to base thousands of troops in Turkey for an Iraq invasion.

Turks is overwhelmingly opposed to a war and Erdogan, who is widely expected to become prime minister after by-elections in March, faces a battle within his own Islamic-rooted Justice and Development Party to persuade lawmakers to pass legislation allowing in the U.S. soldiers.

"The decisions we make for war are not because we want a war, but so we can contribute to peace as soon as possible - at a point when it is not possible to prevent war," Erdogan told party lawmakers. "Our moral priority is peace, but our political priority is our dear Turkey."

"If we remain outside the equation at the beginning of the operation, it might not be possible to ... affect developments after the operation," Erdogan said. "And if that happens Turkey's long term interests and, God forbid, its security might be endangered."

His comments follow relentless U.S. pressure for Turkey to back a possible Iraq war. The head of the U.S. armed forces and the U.S. general in charge of NATO visited Turkey last month.

Washington wants to base thousands of soldiers in Turkey to then open up a northern front and divide Iraq's army between U.S. forces in Turkey and in the Gulf. U.S. and Turkish generals agree that a two-front war would be quicker but Turkey has delayed giving the United States permission.

"We obviously want full Turkish cooperation and look forward to that," Zalmay Khalilzad, U.S. President George W. Bush's envoy to the Iraqi opposition, told reporters in Ankara Tuesday.

Khalilzad will hold talks with leaders of the two Iraqi Kurdish factions that control northern Iraq later this week.

Prime Minister Abdullah Gul Tuesday spoke with U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney to discuss the U.S. request, Gul's office said. It gave no further details.

Turkey fears a war could lead to the disintegration of Iraq, leading Kurds in the north to declare independence.

That could encourage Kurds in Turkey's southeast, who fought a 15-year guerrilla war against the government, to step up their own campaign for greater autonomy or independence.

As head of the Justice party, Erdogan is considered the power behind the scenes in Turkey. For legal reasons, he was not allowed to run for parliament, but he is expected to run in March by-elections and take over the prime ministry from Gul.

"We are regretful to see that the Iraqi administration, which has to take strong steps for peace, isn't taking the necessary steps," Erdogan said. "Unfortunately, we face a situation where the innocent people (of Iraq) are going to pay for their leader's blindness."

Diplomats have repeatedly criticized Gul and Erdogan for not preparing the public for what many see as inevitable Turkish support for a U.S. operation. In the past few weeks, Gul has spoken out for peace in the region and hosted Iraq's neighbors in a meeting that called for peace.

Gul is expected to meet with party deputies on Thursday.

Saddam claims he has no involvement with al Queda

LONDON (AP) Saddam Hussein, in an interview broadcast Tuesday, denied that Baghdad has a relationship with al-Qaida or weapons of mass destruction, saying it would be impossible to hide such arms.

A retired British lawmaker, Tony Benn, conducted the interview Sunday in Baghdad for a new television network called "Arab Television," a yet-to-be-launched Arab TV station with administrative offices in London.

"If we had a relationship with al-Qaida, and we believed in that relationship, we wouldn't be ashamed to admit it," the Iraqi leader told Benn, an outspoken left-winger who traveled to Baghdad in a bid to stop a war.

Saddam wore a black suit and sat across a table from Benn in a gilded chair in front of a curtain and a white, black and red Iraqi flag with a green star. He spoke slowly in careful, measured tones, at times very softly. At one point, he sipped from a cup of Arabic coffee, holding the back of his hand underneath to prevent drips. Occasionally he turned a pen in his hands, lining it up precisely on a green book on the table before him.

The Iraqi leader has not given an interview with a foreign television journalist in 12 years.

An Iraqi TV cameraman filmed Sunday's interview, which was broadcast a day before Secretary of State Colin Powell is set to present evidence at the U.N. Security Council that Iraq has hidden large caches of weapons of mass destruction from international inspectors and defied calls on it to disarm.

President Bush has accused Iraq of being linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network and said those ties "portend a danger for America and for Great Britain, anybody who loves freedom."

In the interview, Saddam denied that Iraq has any banned weapons and said the United States was looking for a pretext to launch a war against his regime. But he said Iraq does not want a confrontation.

"Iraq has no interest in war. No Iraqi official or ordinary citizens have expressed a wish to go to war," he said.

Saddam said his international opponents were trying to justify war and that he had no objections to making sure Iraq was free of weapons of mass destruction.

"These weapons do not come in small pills that you can hide in your pocket. These are weapons of mass destruction and it is easy to work out if Iraq has them or not," he said.

Saddam said Iraq wants U.N. inspections to succeed to prove that it does not have any banned weapons.

The U.N. inspections resumed in November, after a four-year gap. During the 1990s, previous U.N. teams oversaw destruction of the great bulk of banned weapons and their production programs in Iraq, under U.N. resolutions adopted after Iraq's defeat in the 1991 Gulf War.

In the interview, Saddam said the United States aims to take over Iraq's oil supplies in a bid to "control the world" so it can dictate to other powers, including China, Russia and Europe.

"If you want to control the world, you must control oil, and one of the most important requirements for controlling oil is to destroy Iraq," he said. "One of the main reasons for the aggression that the American administration is engaged in is to control the world."

Saddam also claimed the United States was acting under the influence of Israel.

"The consecutive American administrations were led to a path of hostility against the people of this region, including our own nation," he said.

Saddam said the United States had no right to act alone and should work with other nations to solve international problems. He said he did not think it was wise for any leader - even one with the power of the United States - to try to "do without the rest of the world."

SPORTS

Baseball preview part one: meet your pitcher and catcher

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

Just days after returning from our winter holiday, as the snow fell outside, the baseball team began preparation for a highly anticipated season. The pitchers and catchers were the first to report.

Westminster's outlook shines bright as it returns nearly the entire roster from last season's 23-9 squad. More importantly, Westminster returns its entire pitching staff from a season ago, including 2002 Team MVP junior right-hander Pat Boyle.

"This season should be a very good one for us. We have all but one player from last years team," Boyle said. "I feel that we should be able to set the school record for wins in a season this year and go on to win the PAC and hopefully earn a NCAA bid."

Boyle returns this season after sporting an 11-2 record last year, while leading the team with 5 complete games. Boyle posted a 2.09 ERA, while wielding a strikeout to base on balls ratio of 111 to 24. As Boyle returns as the ace, several other Titans return this season to assume their jobs as role-playing pitchers.

Sophomore right-hander Bryan Hilbert returns this season, and will most likely resume his position as the closer. Last season, Hilbert started one game for the Titans going the distance for his lone complete game. Hilbert sported a 3-0 record, while tallying 3 saves. Hilbert posted 34 strikeouts and maintained a team-low 1.44 ERA.

When asked about his role this upcoming season, Hilbert remained focused. "I'm just going to play my role. More than likely, I'll be the closer. But there's a chance I can work my way into the starting rotation," he said. "I'm just going to do what I can."

Joining Boyle and Hilbert on a deep staff are seniors: right-hander Matt Pournaras (4-2), right-hander Kevin Culp (4-4), and right-hander John Greene (0-1). The junior members include right-hander Craig Rechichar (1-0) and right-hander Joe Getsy. Sophomore right-handers Mike Mackin and Craig Bohyer strengthen the staff.

"With all of our experience returning from last season and the addition of some talented freshman, our staff should be able to help up realize our goals," Mackin said.

Manning the backstop this season for the Titans are returning starter, junior Ben Yeckel, along with sophomores Rick Straw, Brad Hochendoner and Joe Switalkski. Yeckel started 16 games behind the plate last season for the Titans, while batting .342 and hitting 2 homeruns and contributing 19 RBI. Yeckel also threw out 13 of 24 base stealers last season.

As the pitchers and catchers began their preparations a week early, the rest of the team is set to follow suit. The agenda is full as the team strives to succeed in the PAC and eventually the NCAA

"With a veteran team, our expectations are high," Yeckel said.

Sports briefs

Girish Thakar named head women's soccer coach

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - Girish Thakar, head men's soccer coach at the college for the past five years and interim head women's soccer coach at Westminster in 2002, has been named permanent head coach of the Lady Titan soccer program. Thakar will continue to serve as men's soccer head coach in addition to his women's duties. He will relinquish his duties as assistant track & field coach at the College.

Thakar took over the Lady Titan program on an interim basis last season when Tom Keller resigned less than a month before the start of the 2002 season. Despite an 0-4 start, he led the Lady Titan booters to an overall record of 16-6-2, including an 11-0-1 mark in the Presidents' Athletic Conference and the program's first-ever PAC championship. The Lady Titans were then selected to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the first time ever, posting a 4-1 opening round home win over Frostburg State before falling to eventual national champion Ohio Wesleyan 3-0 at the regional tournament.

"We were fortunate that Girish was willing to step into a difficult situation as interim coach of the women's team this season," said Westminster Director of Athletics Jim Dafler. "Some other schools have just one person as the head coach of both soccer teams, and Girish showed that he can make that situation work as both teams won conference championships and earned our first-ever NCAA playoff berths last fall. So, it was not difficult to decide to have him be the head coach of both teams on a permanent basis."

Swim Teams Complete Undefeated PAC Dual Meet

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa - The men's and women's swimming teams each closed their 2002-03 dual meet seasons tonight with wins at Presidents' Athletic Conference rival Grove City College. The wins allowed both Westminster swim teams to finish the dual meet regular season undefeated and in first place in PAC competition. The Titan men posted a 139-84 win over the Wolverines, while the Lady Titans also won by a 116-89 count.

Three Titan swimmers - seniors Jim Mann and Craig Guthoerl and junior Matt Buzard - led the way against GCC with three wins apiece. All three swam on the winning 400 medley relay team. Mann captured the 200 IM and 200 backstroke, Guthoerl captured both the 200 freestyle and 200 breaststroke, while Buzard won both the 50 and 100 freestyle. Sophomore Luke Downer was also a double winner in individual competition, winning both the 500 and 1000 freestyle.

For the Lady Titans, juniors Brittany Jardine and Megan Lytle led the way with a pair of victories each. Jardine touched first in both the 500 and 100 freestyle events, while Lytle captured the 50 freestyle while swimming a leg for the victorious 400 freestyle relay team.

Both Westminster swimming teams return to action Feb. 20-22, as the Titans and Lady Titans compete at the Grove City/PAC Invitational at Grove City, Pa. The 2003 meet marks the first time Westminster swimming will be eligible for PAC individual and team championships.

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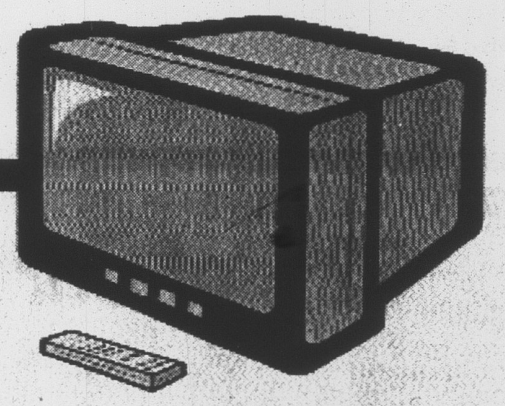

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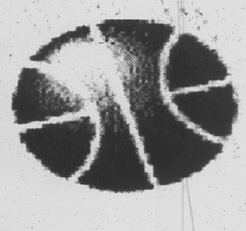

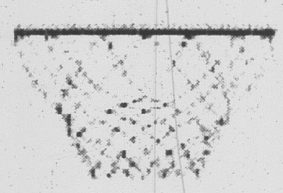

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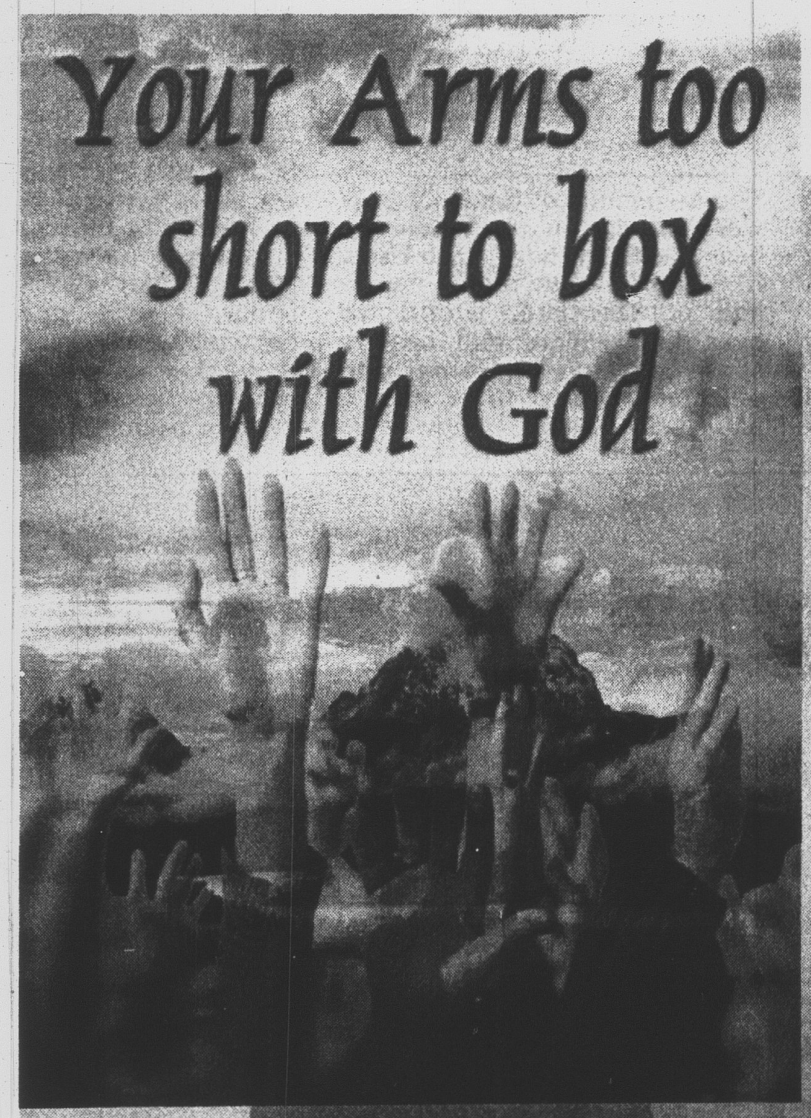

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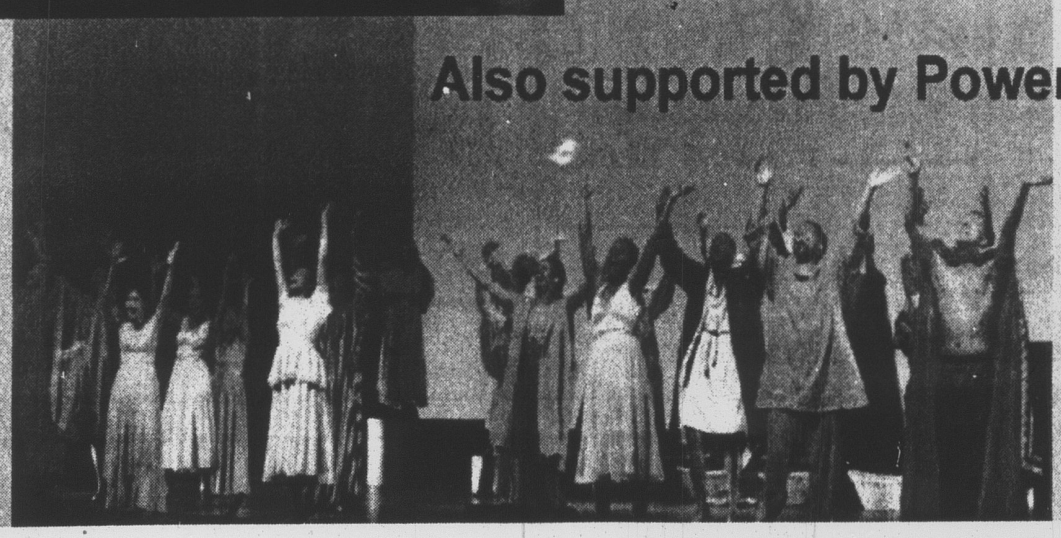

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

Could the registrar office be any meaner?

1.Rant
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3. Repeat

Why do you have to lather, rinse, and repeat? The repeat costs too much.

Why is the radio stuck on George Michael's Faith?

I kinda like cheese.

Mmmm...pastries

Our chicken is grade K

Wow, that's..."special"

Doom doom doomie doom!

Is it spring break yet?

It was raining last weekend. It was great. Rain instead of snow.
What happened?

My cheese burger is staring at me. Help.

You're from Wexford!

It's cold.

Let's hear it for those swimmers huh? Go swim team!

Everything in my life is due on Friday.

I couldn't think of anything to say.

Has anyone tried the "oriental" soup?

Putting vegitables on pasta does not equal Lo Mein!!

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: Tragedy

Last week seven people died in the space shuttle Columbia. It was a horrible accident that will go down in history with the likes of the Challenger, and the crew will be remembered as heroes for years to come. People have shown their concern all over the country and expressed their sorrow on national television. The disaster touched hearts across the country.

Last week forty people died in a train wreck in Zimbabwe. Last week hikers were trapped in an avalanche. Everyday people die of AIDs, cancer, and starvation. Why do we morn the seven people who knew they were going on a risky trip but not the forty people who were going on a train ride?

Is it because they were Americans? September 11th caused outrage and swells of emotion that we as a country have not felt since Pearl Harbor. The scene was compared to something you would see in Bosnia. Yet we were not nearly as outraged when it happened in another country. Westminster students like to point out the WC Bubble, but how about the American bubble?

Maybe we single out these seven people and hold them up because they were trying to go beyond normal human limits.

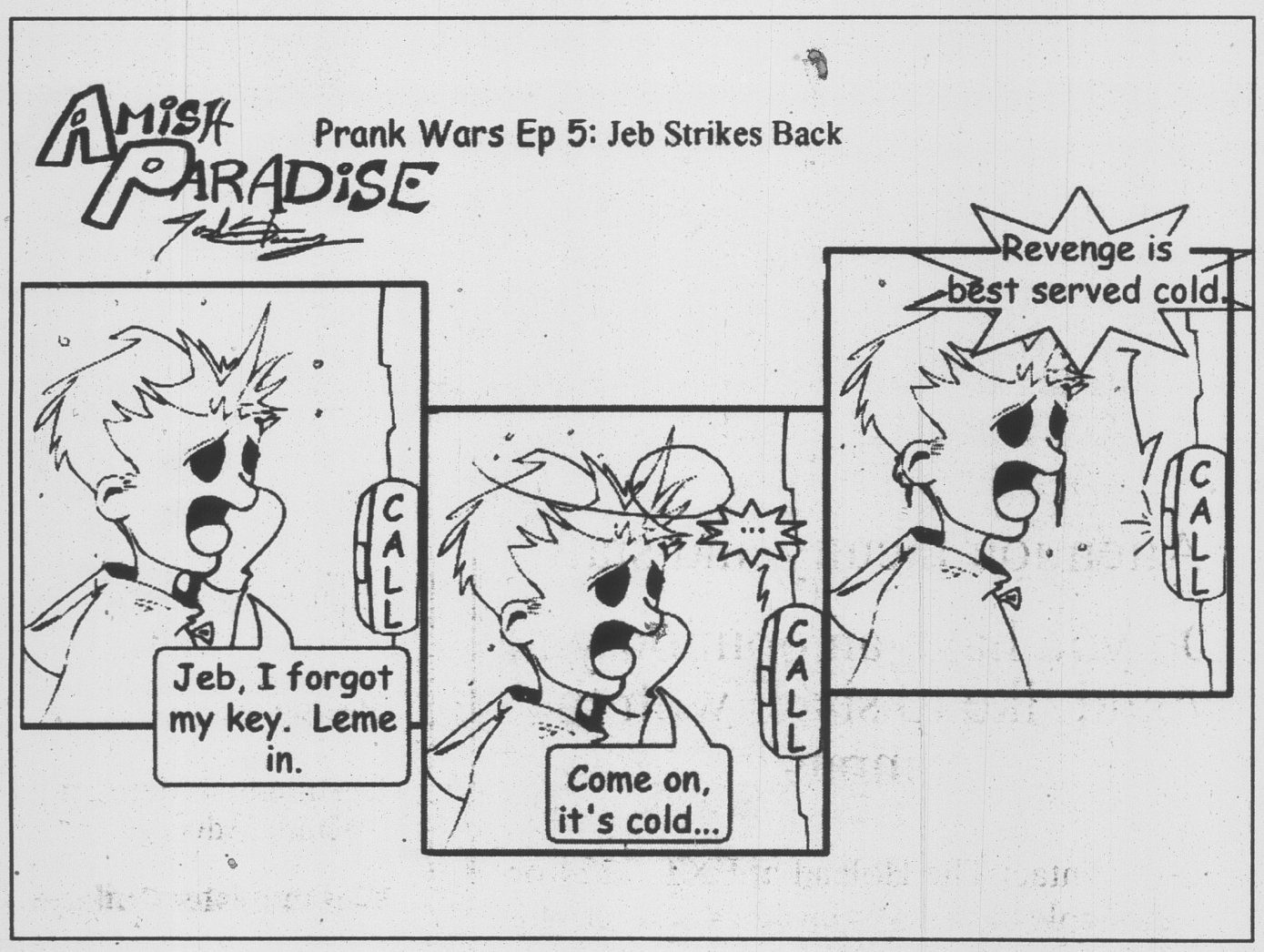
Westminster Bubble, how about the American bubble?

The astronauts of the Columbia were attempting to touch the heavens when they fell to Earth like Icarus. But if the shuttle had not crashed, would we even know there had been a space mission? Going into outer space used to be near a national holiday. Now it is practically common place. And it is the thought that space travel is common that some are attributing to the crash.

In death though, they become heroes who we venerate. What about the woman who works herself to death to feed her children? Or the grandfather who dies of a stroke? Why these seven people who most of us do not know, and probably would not have known until the day of the fatal accident.

The Columbia crash was a disaster. Any time the flicker of life is crushed it is a disaster. Any time.

Think about the number of people who go missing or are killed the next time you hear a news story about the Columbia. Think about the millions of lives that are extinguished that you never hear about. Also wonder why we only recognize the heroes after their death, instead of celebrating what they are doing for our country right now.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to last week's editorial by Drew Huston regarding the supposed ill treatment of "townies" towards college students. I'm a student here at Westminster, but I also happen to be (gasp!) a townie. I would like to take a moment to refute some of the complaints addressed by Mr. Huston (by the way, I find it in poor taste to complain about something yet offer no solutions as to how to improve the situation).

For starters, Mr. Huston, you grossly overgeneralize the opinions of New Wilmington. Half of this town is inhabited by Westminster alumni, faculty, and staff. I highly doubt that they have any inherent dislike for Westminster students.

The other half of New Wilmington may not be quite so familiar with the academic world. Perhaps they do not greet college students with warm and open arms. However, their slight hesitance to throw parades in our honor is understandable when you consider that some of our fellow college students have destroyed signs in the borough park, driven drunk though the town's streets, littered the roadways with beer cans, and stolen items (such as shrubbery) from townspeoples' lawns. So while part of New Wilmington perhaps fails to give all college students the benefit of the doubt, one can somewhat understand their prejudice. I also might add that many of these people are unfamiliair with the academic world, and the few encounters they have had with scholars are with those insufferable, self-inflated individuals who use learning as a means of establishing their superiority over others rather than using their intellectual ability to better understand those around them (you wouldn't happen to know anyone like that, would you, Mr. Huston?)

With that in mind, Drew, I offer you a solution, a vision maybe to heal the wounds you feel Wilmington-ites have inflicted upon you. Go find out your beloved Pizza Joe's name. Ask him about his family, his friends, his dreams. Talk to Brian, the owner of Golden Dawn and discover what he thinks about Westminster. Stop by Gilliland's and start a chat with Jeff behind the meat counter. Instead of mocking the Amish as so many of our college students do, study their culture. Try to understand why they believe what they believe and live as they do.

What I'm trying to say is, don't complain about these wonderful people when you really don't even know them. You're treating them pretty much the same way you feel they have treated you, assuming their opinions without ever asking what those opinions are. Give talking to the inhabitants of New Wilmington a try and maybe next time we'll see an article in celebration of the rich personalities surrounding us in this town (combined with an apology) rather than an arrogant college student's unfounded complaint.

Sandra Edmiston

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Letters to the editor are published weekly, as space permits. All letters much be submitted to the Holcad office by 12 p.m. Monday to make the Friday issue.

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Attention faculty and staff:

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If so, contact The Holcad at EXT. 7224 or e-mail holcad@westminster.edu to write a guest editorial.

Guest Editorial: Faculty Governance in Liberal

by Carol Bove
Professor of Modern Languages

Because the bylaws regulating decisions at many colleges and universities establish hierarchical authority structures, within patriarchal societies these positions fall primarily to men. Presidents, Trustees, and Deans can make a significant difference in enabling or disabling (female) faculty governance, in tolerating dissent, and accepting the positive contributions female faculty can make.

(The middle portion of the article documents the problems the faculty has faced in expressing their ideas and participating in governance over the years)

Despite (and because of) the lack of administrative follow-through for increased faculty salaries, increased participation in governance, and a more manageable course load in recent decades, the Westminster faculty last year elected an ad hoc committee to study the feasibility of returning the teaching load to six courses per year, the load in the contract I signed when I came to the College in 1984. In January 2002, the President and Dean expressed a commitment to the goal of a reduced load consistent with the President's plan to have Westminster included among the top one hundred liberal arts colleges (LA-1). In late April, however, at the meeting in which the faculty moved in favor of the institution of the six-course load to be phased in gradually over the next four years, the President said it would be difficult financially, requiring about a million dollars per year. The Dean told the faculty that majors with low enrollments might have to be cut and that class size would increase significantly. At the end of that meeting, the faculty passed a motion to propose the institution of a six-course load. It remains to be seen whether the administration and Board will listen to the faculty's voice, support the virtually unanimous motion, and find the funds necessary to respond to faculty visions of a better institution.

Westminster was the first college beyond the Allegheny Mountains to award a bachelor's degree to women in 1852. The moment has perhaps arrived for her openly to reinstate participatory democracy in governance, a significant part of her mission as an institution of higher learning Given that academic administration often closely tracks national politics, and on a campus where the American Association of University Professors local chapter no longer exists, there is reason to believe that faculty empowerment once again will be denied. I am hopeful that it will not.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

Confessions of a Dangerous Mind and Spirited Away

Confession of a Dangerous Mind
Biz Adams

This weekend I had the pleasure of seeing Confessions of a Dangerous Mind. Confessions is the story of Chuck Barris' double life: television host by day, CIA assassin by night. Or so claims Barris.

The movie is based on the autobiography of Barris, and in it he claims to have killed for the CIA 33 times, all while creating and hosting such television hits as The Gong Show and The Dating Game. Traipsing through the unlikely tourist destinations of Helinksi and West Berlin, Barris (played by Sam Rockwell) performs his CIA duties while half-heartedly chaperoning the sometimes-annoying game show contestants. While abroad, he meets up with femme-fatale spy Patricia Watson, who is played by Julia Roberts. His CIA connection and catalyst to the story is Jim Byrd, played by the director of the film, George Clooney.

I loved this movie and had fun watching it. Almost every scene, camera angle, and character is a work of art. The film is clever and one can't help but feel brilliant while piecing together the quirky plots before the movie spells them out.

> "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind was everything a movie should be."

One question looms: is it all true? According to Robert Ebert, no way. He says, "I think he made it all up and never killed anybody. Having been involved in a weekly television show myself, I know for a melancholy fact that there is just not enough time between tapings to fly off to Helsinki and kill for my government."

True or not, Confessions of a Dangerous Mind was everything a movie should be. I highly recommend it.

Spirited Away

For those looking for something a little off the beaten path, try the imported animated film Spirited Away. Directed by Japaneese legend Hayao Miyazaki, this film follows a young girl in an Alice in Wonderland like journey through the realm of dragons, spirits, and magic. You may be a bit wary when you see the Disney logo blazed across the opening screen but fear not, the giant mouse didn't touch a frame of this soon to be classic.

An A+ film for any fan of Lewis Carol's books or anyone who remembers anything about being a kid. The only problem is you'll probably have to travel into Pittsburgh to find a theater that's playing it. But the video release should be coming along soon, so don't worry.

75th Academy Awards nominees to be announced

by Jillian Jordan
A&E Editor

This upcoming Tuesday will be a day of both excitement and disappointment for the motion picture industry when the nominees for the 75th annual Academy Awards are announced. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is a group of over 6,000 artists and craftsmen of the movie industry whose main goal is to promote and help to up-grade the motion picture industry. It was first organized in 1927 and was comprised of a mere 36 members. As we can see, the times have changed and movies have become a larger entertainment genre. Millions will tune in to ABC on March 23, 2003 at 8:30 p.m. to catch this year's winners along with a glimpse of many of our other favorite movie and music stars strolling through the Academy's signature Kodak Theatre.

Think back about ten years. We were in our prime childhood years during which we were most concerned with the most recent Disney films. During the 1990's, Disney has monopolized the original song and original score categories by a great margin. However, exactly ten years ago in 1993, John Williams took home the award for Original Score for Schindler's List. Bruce Springstein won the Original Song award with Streets of Philadelphia for the movie Philadelphia. Tom Hanks took home the Best Actor in a Leading Role with his performance in Philadelphia. Tommy Lee Jones walked away in 1993 with an award for his supporting role in The Fugitive. The Piano dominated the actress categories with Holly Hunter winning for Best Actress in a Leading Role and a young Anna Paquin winning over the Academy with her supporting role.

Not only is there a buzz about who will be nominated for the upcoming year, but everyone loves to chat and gossip about what the stars will be wearing. The styles of movie winners have definitely changed over the 75 years of the Academy Awards. Will our favorite stars be seen in a one-of-a-kind Gucci dress or will they appear in their childhood ballet attire? We never know what to expect when we turn on this award show.

Have the People's Choice Awards made any assertion as to who will win the Academy's this year? Lord of the a Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring grabbed up the Favorite Motion Picture award along with the Favorite Dramatic Motion Picture. Will it be nominated for the Best Picture category this year? Schindler's List took home this award ten years ago, but with the new technology that Lord of the Rings has displayed, this fictional story just may surpass the depressing reality that Schindler's List bedazzled us with in 93'. Will Tom Hanks take home this year's Best Actor award? What a strange coincidence that would be being that he had won this category ten years ago!

Think you know your movies? Take your friends up on a bet of who will win each of the categories for some competitive fun. Go to Oscars.com to enter their Predict the Results competition on February 11th and you just may find yourself a winner!

Former Pumpkin Billy Corgan still rocks in Zwan's new release

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Editor

For those of you who live under a rock, last Tuesday a new CD came out from a band called Zwan. This band features some familiar faces, including none other than former Smashing Pumpkins frontman Billy Corgan on vocals and guitar. Joining Corgan is another former Pumpkin, Jimmy Chamberlin on drums, Paz Lenchantin of A Perfect Circle fame on bass and background vocals, former Chavez guitarist Matt Sweeney (also sings background vocals), former Tortoise guitarist Dave Pajo, and Paz's sister Ana Lenchantin even lends her talents on cello to the album.

Over the past week I had a chance to listen to their debut album "Mary Star of the Sea", thanks to Jim Needle and the magic of CD burning, and I personally recommend the album to not only people who loved the Pumpkins, but to anyone who loves straightforward rock.

Those of you who are familiar with the Pumpkins' career will probably note the resounding religious themes in the album. I'm not going to venture into the mind of Billy Corgan's religious beliefs in this article, simply because I don't have the time, space or energy to complete a piece like that. But, I will recommend reading either the article in this week's edition of Rolling Stone entitled "Billy Corgan's second coming" or MTV.com's article entitled "Billy Corgan In Search Of Personal 'Jesus' On Zwan Debut."

The band is currently overseas, but upon their return they will be paying a show at the Agora Theatre in Cleveland, OH on March 24th. And, if you want to take a road-trip they will be playing some shows with The Queens Of The Stone Age in including one at the University Of Buffalo on April 04th.

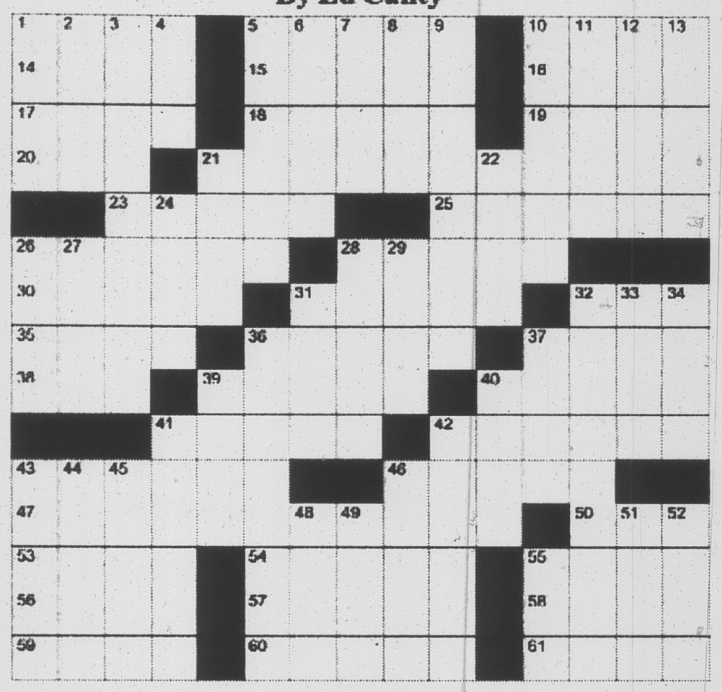
In related news, it appears as though bassist Paz Lenchantin has left A Perfect Circle to join Zwan full-time as rumors have begun to circulate recently regarding the remaining members of A Perfect Circle auditioning new bassists. No official word has come down on the matter as yet. Paz's (possibly)-former A Perfect Circle bandmate Troy Van Leeuwen, who has been handling the touring guitarist duties for the Queens Of The Stone Age, is currently working with Nick Oliveri of Queens Of The Stone Age on the new release from Oliveri's side project Mondo Generator.

And, as far as A Perfect Circle goes, they reconvened to begin the writing/recording process on January 17th. It is also rumored that the long lost Lollapalooza Tour will be reawakened this year possibly featuring Jane's Addiction, The Queens Of The Stone Age, Audioslave and Incubus.

Crossword 101

Fish Tales

By Ed Canty



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8 Alter
9 Look-alike
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12 Haloes
13 Search blindly
21 Edible fat
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26 Sousaphone
27 Gush
28 Bell sounds
29 Opera rendition
31 Departed
32 Tall tale
33 ___ Graham
34 Chirp
36 P.A.T. target
37 Nude
39 Prepare for the exam
40 Seafarers
41 Seen around the stable
42 Word before pin
43 Flower
44 Jostle
45 Bride follower
46 Baseball's Satchel
48 Wooden toy maker
49 Mind
51 Amount of time
52 Cosmetic ingredient
55 Doze off

Quotable Quote

Democracy means that anyone can grow up to be president, and anyone who doesn't grow up can be vice president.

• • • *Johnny Carson*

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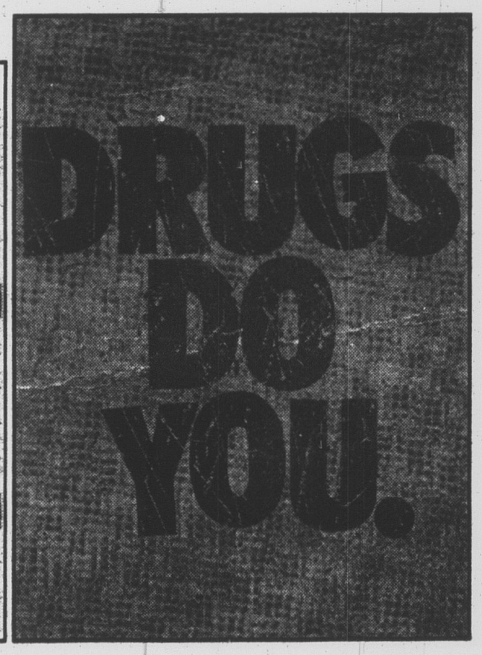


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
If you insist on perfection you will be in for considerable frustration. Be willing to relax your rather unreasonable standards, not everyone in your circle will live up to those expectations, no matter how hard they try.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
There are changes that need to be made at home. Even though your suggestions may not be met with enthusiasm, go ahead anyway, in the long run you'll be glad you pushed. Take time out for yourself, it is essential to your peace of mind.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Usual routines may be altered, due to unexpected situations that arise. Nip your ego in the bud and behave with courtesy and compassion at work, more will get accomplished this way instead of playing dictator. Act from your heart and not your head with love.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
A feeling of isolation may overtake you, so make the effort to reach out and touch someone. Relationship issues need to be attended to, so state your needs clearly. If you are feeling stuck at work, hang in there and the solution will appear with little effort at all.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Don't let your ego get the best of you, inducing you to do something really too risky at this point. If you want to advance at work, the time may not be quite right yet. You may experience an awakening in the near future which will affect your attitude.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Due to a stunning success in business, or if your love life is improving, you feel like you're sitting on top of the world. Enjoy it! You don't have to give up anything just because things are finally going your way for a change. Strive for the best.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Some negative feelings may arise during the week, from issues about trust and betrayal. There is more than hope, there is a real opportunity for success, but only if you are willing to embrace current changes with an open mind. Be willing to listen to others' ideas.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Continue to insist on quality and honesty in all of your dealings, especially in issues close to your heart. Do remember in all your interactions with others that the absolute truth is quite hard to come by. You have only your personal truth and limited perspective to work with.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Concerning your love life this week, pay attention to sexual attractions and go for someone who is safe and kind. Push yourself to the limit, for you will only kick yourself later if you fail to accomplish that which is within your grasp. Don't let soul searching get out of hand.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Do something extravagant this week. Although money is usually associated with this activity, time could be your biggest commodity. Take some time for yourself. Harmony at home will bring you a great deal of satisfaction. Review your investments to see if returns can be better.

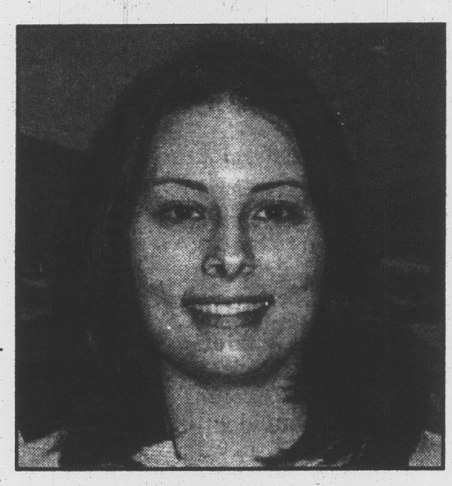
AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
It's time to talk about your need for independence within your closest relationships. Listen carefully to those words of love, and try to read between the lines. There are a number of things which you can't do alone. If help is not on the way, do the best you can and leave the rest for later.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Remove your emotional armor if you really want to get through to someone. Without such a willingness to show your own vulnerability, no one else will feel that they can trust you. The feelings that you have for someone right now are best kept secret, you'll have your chance.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Most think of you as courageous and willing to jump into everything you do with zest and optimism. And you do tend to plunge in and risk dangers that others fear. This trait is definitely obvious concerning your career advancement, and sometimes in the romance department.

FEATURE

People in Your Neighborhood



Name: Kristy Marie Fetterman
Year at Westminster: Senior
Major: Business
What is your astrology sign? Sagittarius.
What is your strongest addiction? Pajama pants. I own 50 ka-billion pairs. I would never have to do my laundry if I lived in pajama pants.
First child's name? First boy's name is going to be Aidan. I'm not going to have girls so another boys name is Benjamin.
Someone who always makes you laugh? Diane Farry. She is one crazy "jigga."
Where do you want to live when you grow up? I want to live by the ocean and I definitely want to stay on the east coast. I really like New England, so hopefully there.
What is your goal in life? To be remembered for doing something. I don't know what yet, but something big and exciting.
What is your preferred toothpaste brand? I like Crest, preferably extra whitening. The gel, not the paste. Never, never the paste.
What is your favorite season? Definitely Fall. I've always wanted to take one of those trips on a train that goes and shows you all the foliage.
How many times a day do you check your e-mail? Seriously, probably about 45. I guess that is a little high. Like 30.
Tell me a story about yourself...
Freshman year I lived in Shaw and my roommate Courtney Hamilton and I decided it would be pretty funny if we put a "used condom" in our bathroom. We filled a condom with lotion and hung it strategically over the garbage can. Nobody ever said anything about it, but we thought it was funny.

Name: Christina Elisabeth Waszczak
Year at Westminster: senior
Major: History
What is your astrology sign? Libra.
What is your strongest addiction? Twirling my hair. I've done it since I've had hair and I'll do it until I don't have any hair.
First child's name? Oh, piss. Just put William.
Someone who always makes you laugh? Conan O'Brien. Especially when Kristy imitates him.
Where do you want to live when you grow up? I'm all Ohio baby! You can buy beer at Wal-Mart in Ohio. Go Bucks!
What is your goal in life? To marry my boyfriend, win the lottery, stay in college forever and live with Kristy at Bodie Lighthouse in North Carolina.
What is your preferred toothpaste brand? I'm a Crest kid.
What is your favorite season? I like Fall. It's not too hot. It's not too cold. It's just right.
How many times a day do you check your e-mail? When I am in my room, it's once every 10 minutes, so you do the math.
Tell me a story about yourself...
I like to call my friends, especially Kristy's brother, and leave secret voice mail messages in different languages, as Indians with drums in the background, porn-shop owners and German temptresses.

What gives the United States the right?

by Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

I am going to try and promise that my articles do not become weekly war-based opinions, but I just had to continue my ranting after reading an editorial in Grove City College's "Collegian."

Matt Sitman, a "Collegian" staff writer made it very apparent in his Jan. 31 article that he was completely for Bush's prevent-terrorism-from-happening-by-bombing-Iraq tactics.

Sitman used quotes from the president's State of the Union address, delivered Tuesday Jan. 28, to convey his opinion. Regardless, I had to question the point Sitman was trying to make. It just seemed to me that Sitman was using Bush's words to place the U.S. to a standard that I don't quite understand.

Bush addressed the issue of Iraq playing a game with U.N. inspectors, and how it is time for hide-and-seek to end. "It is up to Iraq to show exactly where it is hiding its- banned weapons, lay those weapons out for the world to see, and destroy them as directed," Bush said.

But see, I was thinking. The United States has the wealthiest, most highly trained and specialized defense program with bases around the world. One cannot even begin to imagine what sort of new weaponry is being concocted everyday. The United States has state-of-the-art protection worth hundreds of billions of dollars.

I was just wondering what gives the Unites States government the right to command that Saddam Hussein "lay out those weapons for the world to see" when a common citizen of the U.S. hasn't got a clue what is even contained in the elaborate collection of weapons in our own defense program? And what about their capability? What could the U.S. do to the world with our own weapons of mass destruction?

What makes us so special that we can be trusted to bring only good with our weapons of mass destruction? How are we able to be trusted at that standard? What is our country scared of? Have we done something wrong? Something that should make our government afraid of another homeland terrorist attack?

Bush said that U.N. inspectors are being led on "a scavenger hunt for hidden materials across a country the size of California." Well, California is one state, one state that is enwrapped in the 49 other states that make up the patriotic white stars, the symbolism of the American people. One country the size of one state. And no one questions what we are hiding?

Sitman also made a point about North Korea, admitting that the same action could be perused dealing with their weapons of mass destruction. "I can hear it now! 'But what about North Korea? They have weapons of mass destruction, they have an evil leader! Why are we holding them to a different standard?' In short, some may ask, 'Why Iraq,' " he wrote.

Well, what about the U.S.? What gives us the right to be held at a different standard? Does anyone see a flaw in this mind state? I know this country entitles me to freedom, freedom that I take for granted and cannot even begin to understand. I know that from the beginning of my life, it is embedded in my brain that as an American, it is my duty to strive to be the best that I can be, reaching for only the top.

I don't want the top. I don't want to think I am better than anyone simply because of my nationality. Does anyone see this as a problem? What gives us the right to set the standards for the world? What gives us the right to have weapons that could blow up the world at the push of a button? Why is America set at such a high standard?

But see, I can't answer any of these questions. I am just a small-minded, middleclass white American who should be grateful for what I have and stop complaining about things that will never change. But I can't do that, because things in life will never change if we have an opinion and keep our mouths closed.

Classifieds

Lunch-Time Aerobics is scheduled Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 11-March 6, 11 a.m.-noon in Old 77. This low-impact activity combines walking and light aerobics, and is designed for anyone who would like a gentle workout in the middle of the day. This activity can be done in street clothes, except for a change into clean athletic shoes. Registration is Monday, Feb. 10, 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m., and the fee is $5.

Bowl for Kids' Sake, sponsored by Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lawrence County, is scheduled Saturday, April 5 at the Colonial Bowling Lanes New Castle. Call (724) 657-3680 for more information or to sign up a team.

The **PCMEA Variety Show** is scheduled Saturday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 pm in Orr Auditorium. Dress rehearsal for the show will take place Saturday Feb. 15. Contact John Wescott at ext. 7461 for information about how to participate, or come to see the show, admission is $1.

A **Self-Defense Course** with Patrick Shannon of Phi Kappa Tau is open to campus women in Old 77 Saturday, Feb. 22 from 2-4 pm. The seminar is designed to give women more self-confidence. For more information, contact Dr. Andrea Grove, ext. 7254.

Lambda Sigma is selling Amish Drag Racing T-Shirts one final time this year. To get yours, submit your name, box number, number of shirts desired, sizes and color specification (blue or gray), along with your payment (cash or checks made payable to Lambda Sigma) in an envelope marked Diana Borowski, Box 989. Prices for the shirts are as follows: $10 for sizes S-XL and $12 for sizes XXL and XXL.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 7

Last Day to Drop ($15 Fee)
RA Applications Due in Student Affairs Office by 4:30 pm
Newman Club Carnation Sale - Cafeteria (lunch and dinner)
Indoor M&W Track & Field @ Slippery Rock Relays
11:40 a.m. Chapel
8:00 p.m. Celebrity Series: Youngstown Symphony and Craig Schulman, "Music of Richard Rodgers" - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. CPC Presents Finesse Mitchell (comic) - Down Under
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Cafe - Down Under

SATURDAY 8

Fraternity Bid Day
Kappa Delta Mother-Daughter Day
1:00 p.m. W Basketball vs. Thiel (H)
3:00 p.m. M Basketball vs. Thiel (H)
7:00 p.m. Mass
8:00 p.m. Movie: Red Dragon - Down Under

SUNDAY 9

6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie: Red Dragon - Down Under

MONDAY 10

Newman Club Carnation Sale - Cafeteria (lunch and dinner)
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:15 p.m. Panhel Greek Organizations' Meetings
7:00 p.m. Guest Speaker, David Stollman: "Buy In or Get Out" - Orr Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Organ Recital - Chapel
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 am Late Night - Down Under

TUESDAY 11

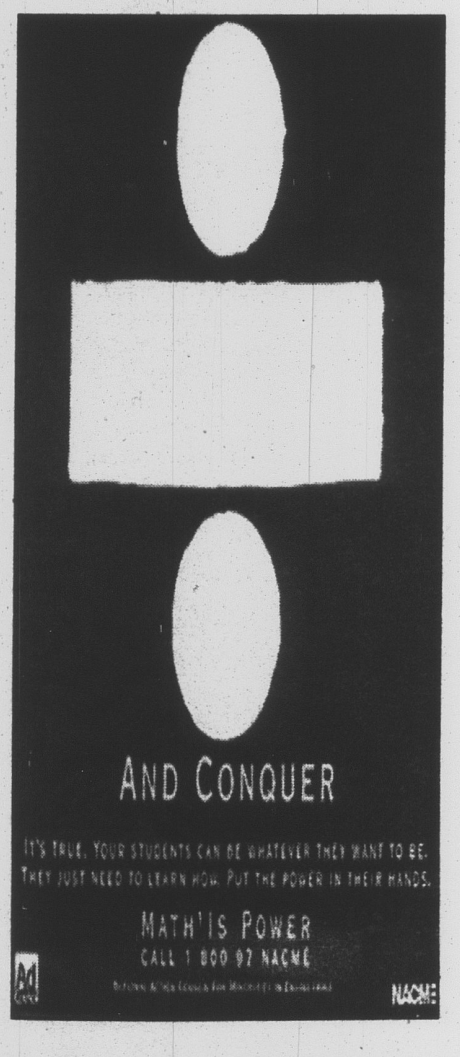
Newman Club Carnation Sale - Cafeteria (lunch and dinner)
4:30 pm Resume Workshop - Career Center, Eichenauer Hall (second floor)
5:30 pm SAA Meeting
11:00 am - 12:30 pm Single Room Drawing - Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night - Down Under

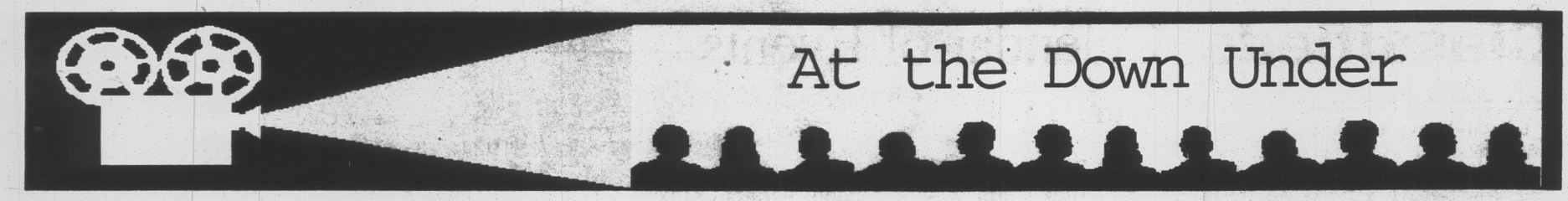
WEDNESDAY 12

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
Squatter's Applications Available at Front Desks of Residence Halls
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Ed Cohen, "The Future of Globalization"
4:30 p.m. Who's Who Reception for New Members - Russell Dining Room
6:00 p.m. W Basketball vs. Grove City (H)
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
8:00 p.m. M Basketball vs. Grove City (H)
9:30 p.m. Seekers Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 13

11:00 a.m. Support Staff Meeting - TC 314
7:00 p.m. Young Republicans Meeting - PH 131
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Black History Month Celebration: Arms Too Short to Box With God - Orr Auditorium





Friday:
Finesse Mitchell
8:00 pm

JT's Cafe
10:00 pm to 2:00 am

Saturday:
Red Dragon
8:00 pm

Sunday:
Red Dragon
8:00 pm

As always free pop, popcorn, and cappuccino.

Weekly Events:

Late Nights
Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays
10pm-2am

$$ Buy Me Love $$
Holcad Contest

Tell your sweetie or best friend how much you care this Valentine's Day by letting us print a special message from you in the February 14th issue of the Holcad. Attach your entry to this form and send it with love to our campus box # 157. A name will be drawn at random to win a $50 gift certificate for a dinner for two.

Deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 12. The winner will be announced in the Feb. 14th paper. Only one entry per student.

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Dean's list quailification changed

by Megan Sigler
Staff Writer

Many students who acquired a 3.5 GPA fall semester may have been surprised not to see their name on the Dean's List over winter break. This was due to a change in the grade requirement that was implemented in the fall. Instead of achieving a 3.5 GPA as in years past, a student must now achieve a 3.6 GPA to be eligible for the list.

According to Registrar June Garner, the change in the requirement was made under the supervision of Former Academic Dean John Deegan. He brought it as a recommendation to the Academic Standards Committee, who had it approved. The proposal was then taken to a full faculty meeting, where it was voted on for final consent.

Why was this proposition so readily received by the faculty? According to Interim Academic Dean Jesse Mann, the faculty believed that grade inflation had pushed GPAs to the point that the number of students on the list was too high. "The Dean's List should be an honor and an outstanding achievement," he said. "I would think having literally hundreds of students on the list would diminish this achievement."

Dean Mann also feels that not having so many students on the list will make the college stand out as a more academically rigorous school as compared to other liberal arts schools in the region. Westminster keeps an eye on this competition by researching 20 other schools in the area that the college refers to as its "Official Comparison Institutions."

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Annual Mardi Gras celebration

by Amie Hack
Staff Writer

The campus version of the annual Mardi Gras celebration will take place on Friday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. in Orr Auditorium.

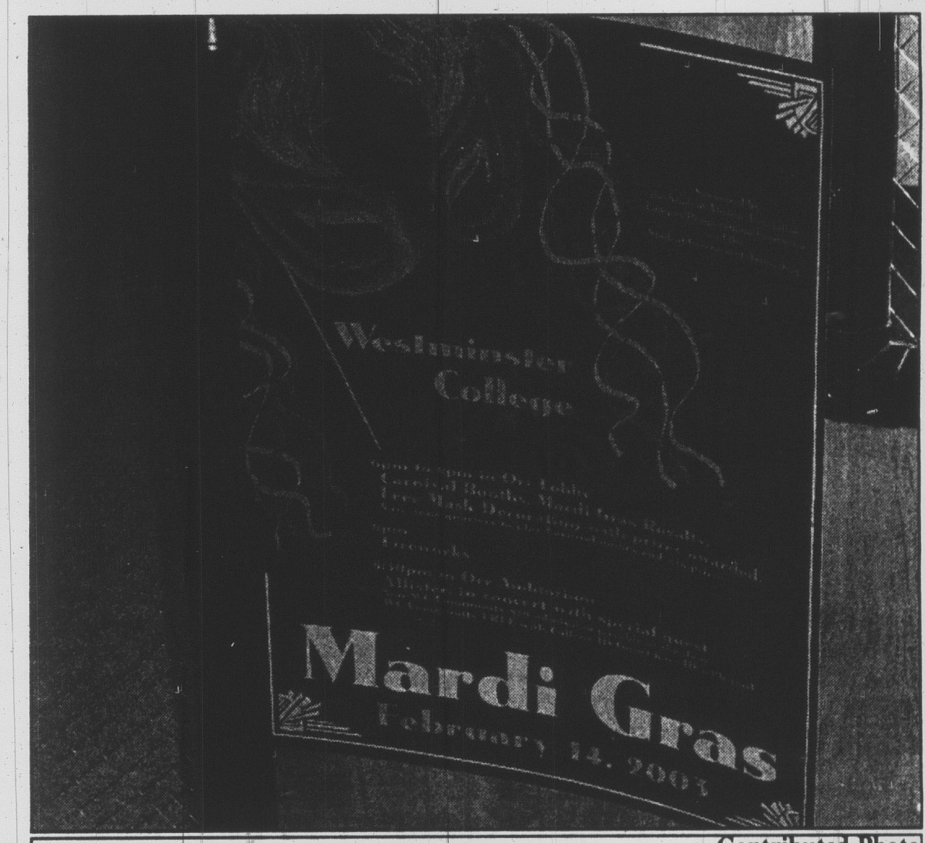
The event, sponsored by the Student Alumni Association, is an opportunity for student organizations to get involved with campus and community members. Participating organizations create a carnival atmosphere by setting up booths that provide information on their organization as well as crafts, games and fun activities. Following the carnival is a concert sponsored by the Student Government Association and the Campus Programming Committee.

"I'm a little concerned because it [Mardi Gras] falls on Valentine's Day this year," president of SAA Molly Dyke said. "But hopefully people will still be excited and want to come."

According to Dyke, Mardi Gras is an exciting campus event. Following authentic New Orleans Mardi Gras tradition, SAA selects a king and queen who wear extravagant costumes and hand out golden coins and prizes. These prizes are awarded to selected organizational booths, as well as winners of the mask-making contest. This contest is an opportunity for children to design a mask of their own using materials supplied by SAA.

Once the carnival is over, a display of fireworks occurs over Britain Lake. According to Director of Alumni Relations Mary C. James, the display, which will take place at about 8 p.m., should be easily visible from Orr Auditorium.

To conclude the evening, SGA and CPC will host two bands, Allister and December Son. The bands will begin playing at about 8:30 p.m.



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Mardi Gras tonight in Orr Lobby

"I'm really excited Allister is coming here," SGA treasurer Julie Lechner said. "This is the first I've heard of them, but I got a hold of their CD and they sound really awesome, so they should put on a good show."

According to Lechner, December Son will accompany Allister. "December Son is supposed to come with Allister, and I've heard them [December Son] before and they're a really good band, too," she said. "They're a local band from Hubbard, Ohio, and they put on a great show."

According to Dyke, SAA has had much success with Mardi Gras in past years. Since it began in 1998, the event has attracted between 300 and 400 people each year from the college and the surrounding community.

"SAA really appreciates having participation from across the campus. That is what really makes the evening a success," James said. "There aren't many times when all the organizations come together. We are always impressed with the turnout."

The event is strictly non-profit; any profits made go toward covering

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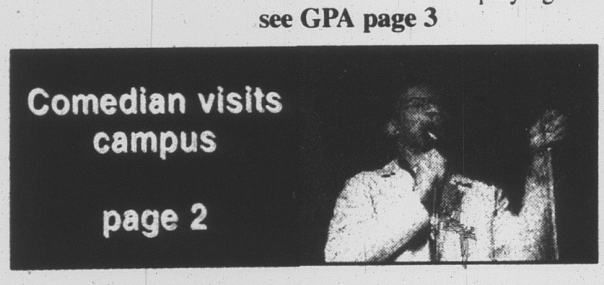

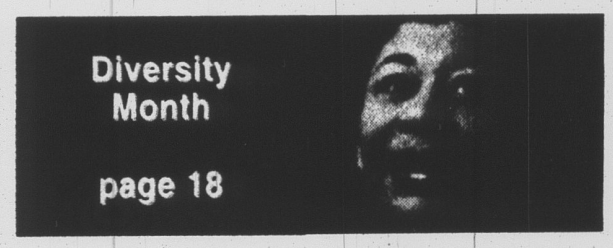

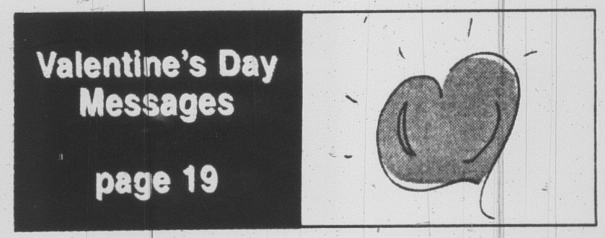

Friday: Rain/Snow high 40° low 28°

Saturday: Cloudy high 39° low 31°

Sunday: Cloudy high 42° low 33°

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CAMPUS NEWS

STDs still affect more than 40 million

by Jennifer Raub
Staff Writer

STDs affect more than 40 million people in the United States today. Two thirds of the people developing new cases of STDs are aged 25 and under, with chlamydia, genital warts and genital herpes being the most common among college students.

The risk of an STD is very high. Most STDs do not have symptoms, or their symptoms take over a year or two to develop. For this reason, it is important to get tested if you are sexually active.

"With all the different types and severities of STDs, it's always seemed like a good idea to get tested, not only for your personal benefit but for others as well," sophomore Elizabeth King said.

As most people know, STDs can be contracted through unprotected sex, sharing needles and sharing syringes. If you have had or plan on getting a tattoo, make sure that the tattoo artist uses a clean needle each time.

Chlamydia is the number one bacterial STD in the United States. There are about 4 million new cases each year. This disease is most common among teens and young adults. Chlamydia is also the leading cause of infertility. The symptoms include itching or burning during urination, vaginal discharge, whitish discharge, or no symptoms at all. Testing for this STD involves collecting a small amount of fluid from the infected area by use of a cotton swab, although they are coming out with less painful and easier tests.

"There's some pretty crazy stuff out there. Be careful, " sophomore Mike Dines said.

Genital herpes infects an estimated 40 million people in the United States today. This chronic, lifelong viral infection has no noticeable signs to most infected individuals. If you do have symptoms, early signs are burning sensation in the genitals, lower back pain, pain when urinating or flu-like symptoms. Later on in the stages, you can develop small red bumps which later turn into painful blisters. Genital herpes can be detected during a routine physical examination, or a blood test. These blood tests are only available in certain areas though.

An estimated 40 million people are infected with genital warts and there are about 1 million new cases each year. There are usually no visible signs of this infection. If there are symptoms they include condylomata, which range from soft, pink, cauliflower-like warts to hard, smooth, yellow-gray warts. You will notice these symptoms between 3 weeks and 6 months after having sex with an infected person. To detect genital warts in women, a pap smear test is used. This infection is hard to detect in men and usually goes untreated.

"Know your role and get to know your partner. This is very important," sophomore Katie Fisher said.

It is important to be tested regularly for STDS. Usually the only and best way to prevent the transmission of these infections is to have protected sex and limit the number of partners you have. Also, do not share needles or syringes with anyone. If you get a tattoo or receive injections, make sure that these items have been properly sterilized or have just been taken out of the packaging.

"When we're in college, we want to be considered responsible and independent, and we need to be responsible enough take the responsibility to protect each other and ourselves from diseases like that."

If you have any questions concerning STDs, you can call the Student Health Center at 7927 or the National STD Hotline at 1-800-227-8922.

International film festival returns

by Kylee Hasson
Staff Writer

The International Film Festival kicked off Feb. 4 in the Down Under with the Japanese film "Shall We Dance?"

The film festival has evolved into a showcase for students to view internationally created films from countries such as Great Britain and Australia as well as more traditional films from France or Japan. The International Film Festival tries to address the lack of foreign films shown in this region. It gives students the chance to see such films without having to travel to major cities such as Pittsburgh or Cleveland.

"If we don't bring them here, you will have so little opportunity to see these films," said Dr. Deborah Mitchell, who along with Dr. Elizabeth Ford and Dr. Jeff Bersett, took over the film festival in the fall. "It's important for us at Westminster to support the international films."

"In this region there are few theaters which show movies from other countries, and this can be a real problem given that so many international movies are quite good, frequently better than many American movies," said Bersett. "And if not better, then different enough from our mainstream that they are worth watching."

Mitchell explains the lack of international films in the region by pointing to the domination of Hollywood blockbusters made by producers who have the money to distribute their films around the world. She describes the typical Hollywood formula where producers create plot-driven films with universal topics, such as violence, that translate well and feature the biggest actors at the time.

"This is why these films fill theater screens," she said. "Sometimes, you'll have one blockbuster running on three different screens in one movie theater. This is also why there's little chance of seeing our own independent films, not to mention international films, in your local theater."

The professors try to look for diversity when choosing films. They try to select comedies and dramas, as well as more character-driven stories that tend to mirror real-life more than Hollywood films do. They also try to select films that give some insight into the culture in which it was made.

Certain films, such as last fall's screening of "Amélie", draw larger crowds, but the general student response has been positive. Students who have gone to films rate the festival as a worthwhile experience that they would go to again.

"I liked the chance to see a movie from a different culture, when it was free and in a comfortable setting," said sophomore Jane Stubna.

First year student Serah Stauffer, who attended the screenings of "Amélie" and "Strictly Ballroom" last fall, agrees. "It was a good environment to watch movies in," she said.

"I think students are pleasantly surprised that they like these international films," Mitchell said.

The next film scheduled for Feb. 18 will be the 1994 action/drama "The Professional." Directed by Luc Besson and starring French actor Jean Reno and Natalie Portman, "The Professional" tells the story of Léon (Reno), a hit man who takes care of a young girl (Portman) after her family is murdered and reluctantly teaches her how to kill.

The festival will also show "The Dreamlife of Angels" on March 4, "Blue" on March 18, and "A Hard Day's Night" on April 15. All shows begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Down Under. The screenings are free for everyone. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided.

Comedian enjoys visit to Amish country

by Christopher Hatch
Staff Writer

On February 7, in the Down Under, students roared with laughter at the comedic talent of stand-up comedian Finesse Mitchell.

Mitchell, a graduate of the University of Miami, has been featured on television programs such as BET "Comicview," and "Late Night with Craig Kilborn." He is considered one of comedy's hottest young stars. For him, performing at Westminster was an opportunity to be more personal and open with a smaller audience.

"The audience was very intimate and receptive. They pretty much laughed at everything I had to say," he said.

The audience spent the evening in continuous laughter, as Mitchell joked about such topics as alligator wrestling, Michael Jackson and the relationships between men and women. Mitchell's performance lasted about an hour and twenty minutes, and for the majority of that time audience members were clenching their sides and laughing out loud at the brash humor of the talented stand-up. Sophomore Johnny Johnston talked about the act afterward.

"I thought it was hilarious. It was a real nice change of pace from the old, Amish, Westminster style. It was a nice change from what we're used to," he said.

Mitchell appreciated the crowd as well, and enjoyed his time at Westminster.

"This is a beautiful campus, but it is in the middle of nowhere," he said. "I think we had to follow bread crumbs to get here, but I definitely enjoyed my time."

Mitchell also learned a few things from his performance.

"The women here seem to like very shallow things in their men: they have to be fine and they have to like climbing trees," he said.

Mitchell was brought to Westminster courtesy of the Campus Programming Committee. He is only the second of a hand full of comedians the CPC has scheduled to perform this semester.

"We've booked five or six comedians for this semester. I was pleased to see that big of a crowd for this event. I expected a big turnout after Megan Mooney's performance last week," CPC chair Craig Carlin said.

As always at the Down Under, free popcorn, pop and cappuccino were served. The next scheduled comedian to perform at the Down Under is Jay Phillips, Friday April 4.

For Mitchell, Westminster was one of the smaller events that he has scheduled for the month of February. He will be appearing on "Showtime at the Apollo" on NBC on February 22, and he will also be appearing on "Late Night with Craig Kilborn" on CBS for the second time on February 25.

Sophomore offers self-defense classes to campus women

by Sarah Patterson
Staff Writer

Imagine a woman on campus walking home late at night without a single person in sight. In the darkness she is assaulted with no one to hear her pleas and cries for help. Now there is something that all women can do to prevent this tragedy from happening to them.

Patrick Shannon, a sophomore, has taken the responsibility to educate women on campus who would like to know the skills and techniques of self defense training. The classes will be held in Old 77 on Feb 22 from 2-4 p.m.

Shannon has been a second degree black belt in a Korean art of Tang Soo Do for 10 years. He decided to instruct this class after a successful class that his master gave, which had a huge response from the public. "I really just want to help others on campus" said Shannon.

Depending on the outcome of this upcoming class, Shannon plans on teaching this class again for those who have missed this opportunity. Shannon's self defense class is designed to give women more confidence about having to walk alone at night. This class will focus on the strength of the individual and ways to use everyday items for protection.

This will be Shannon's first time teaching a class without the assistance of an instructor. With the support of his master, Robert Harshall of Harshall Karate Academy, Shannon is excited to give back to the college and is anticipating on the class to be a huge success. "I really don't know how many women feel that they need self defense, but hopefully they will be curious to learn and I hope I can be a successful teacher," said Shannon.

Freshman Ashley Slater is looking forward to taking the class. "I am really interested in this class because I feel I need to know how to protect myself and have awareness on campus and my surroundings," she said.

Borough and college to host Arts and Heritage Festival

by Ashley Roberts
Staff Writer

The New Wilmington Area Chamber of Commerce, along with Westminster, will be hosting the first Arts and Heritage Festival in the area this summer.

The festival will be held on campus and throughout town, and will last three days, Friday through Sunday. The new campus center will be used to display visual arts from Hoyt. Artists from throughout the region will also be invited to display some of their work.

Musical performances will be included in the festival as well. Dr. Grover Pitman, Chair of the Department of Music, is in charge of the musical events. Some faculty members and students of the music department will be performing.

"Motivation for my becoming involved is simple: I live here and would like the community to return to some of the ventures of the past, plus develop some new ones," Pitman said.

Another part of the festival will include a community theater show. This will give some of the faculty members (and maybe some students) the chance to express themselves on stage.

"Some of the faculty have expressed to me that they would like to be a part of one of our shows," Dr. Scott Mackenzie said. Mackenzie is not only the first faculty member to become involved with this project, but he is also a member of the festival board.

Some of the art displayed throughout town will reflect the heritage of New Wilmington and Western PA. Mackenzie would also like to get the Amish community involved in the festivities, since they are a major part of the Wilmington community and heritage.

Not only will there be artwork, musical performances and theater, but there will be food booths set up all over town as well.

Many volunteers will handle such things as parking, booth set-ups and crowd control.

byAnyone interested should e-mail or call Dr. Mackenzie at 6238 or Dr. Pitman at 7274. An e-mail will be sent at a later date giving information about an open meeting for anyone interested in volunteering.

Overworked heater causes trouble for Hillside residents

by Mary Huebert
Staff Writer

Hillside Hall residents were forced to evacuate their dormitory on Jan. 27 due to a faulty motor in the lobby heater.

Near midnight, Resident Assistant Meghan Lex did her rounds of the building as usual. As she was walking through Hillside, she noticed a strong, burning smell filling the lobby. Lex notified Residence Director Susan Rhody immediately.

"It smelled like burning plastic or electrical wires. I went upstairs for a minute, and when I came back down there was smoke on the first floor, right inside the front doors," Lex said.

Rhody opened the lobby door to air out the room and proceeded to call campus security. Security, volunteer firefighters, and workers from the physical plant arrived on the scene almost immediately, as residents evacuated the building and gathered outside in the snow. The freezing students were told to go to Jeffers Hall or the Down Under until the problem was resolved.

By this time, the smell had filtered out the door and spread throughout all three floors of the building. Firefighters, physical plant workers, and security were having trouble finding the source of the smell. Using a thermal imager, firefighters were able to find the problem: an extremely hot motor inside a heater in the lobby.

New Castle firefighter Guy Withrow said they use imagers similar to those of New Wilmington firefighters. "We use a Bullard Thermal Imager. We use it in smoke-filled rooms because you can't even see your hand in front of you. If you look through the screen, it shows us sources of heat. We use it in search and rescue when trying to find victims and the source of a fire," Withrow said.

The faulty heater was located near the door in the lobby. Because cold air kept blowing into the lobby when the door opened and shut, the heater's motor was turning on and off all day. The motor eventually burnt out, causing the foul smell and smoke that night.

Residents returned from Jeffers Hall and the Down Under once the problem was taken care of, about thirty minutes after they evacuated. The heater was fully repaired by Feb. 4.

According to Rhody, these kinds of incidents are not normal occurrences in Hillside Hall. There have only been a few other problems regarding this dorm in the past.

"This is an old building. Occasionally a little plaster will fall down or something minor like that. There have been no major problems," Rhody said.

Rhody went on to say that one of the major complaints about the dorms on the hill is simply the location. The dorms are separated from the rest of campus, walkways are steep and sometimes slippery, and the parking spaces are scarce.

Despite these complaints, residents on the hill still seem very content about their living arrangements. According to residents of Hillside, living in the dorm has its benefits. Many say the rooms are fairly large in comparison to other residence halls. They like that traffic is slow in the lobby, since the dorm is somewhat separated from the rest of campus. Residents claim to be a close-knit group of students, many of them having always lived in Jeffers or Hillside. They find the seclusion and set-up of the dorm appealing.

"I love it aside from the walk sometimes. The rooms are bigger and the ceilings are so high, which is a plus being in the top bunk. Plus a lot of my closest friends live up here," said Hillside resident Pam Englert.

Rhody expects the dorm to fill up quickly at the room drawing in April.

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Garner was asked to find the Dean's List requirements for these institutions and found the 3.6 GPA to be in line. She discovered that schools such as Bethany College in West Virginia, Hiram College in Ohio, and Juniata College in Pennsylvania all have a 3.6 or higher requirement.

How do students feel about this change? The responses are varied. Junior Craig Carlin agrees that it is important for the college to compete with these averages to maintain a strong academic reputation. "If Westminster wants to be regarded as one of the top schools around, then it has to demand more of its students," he said.

For some students, however, it was not the raise in the GPA that they were concerned with, but the lack of communication about the issue.

Junior Melanie Piddington finished last semester with a 3.58 GPA, and when she searched for her name on the Dean's List over winter break, to her dismay, it was not there. It was only after she contacted the school that she was told about the new grade requirement. "Since the decision was voted on last year, I think that the campus should have been informed of this change at the beginning of the fall semester so we knew what to expect," Piddington said.

Sophomore Lauren Anderson agrees. "I think that it would have been easy for the school to inform the students by simply sending us an e-mail in advance," she said.

Dean Mann has apologized for the lack of communication about the issue. However, he tells students not to worry. "Dean's List is a nice recognition, but certainly not an essential part of an education or a must have on a resume," he said. "With different institutions defining it in different ways, employers certainly wouldn't be looking for it or note its absence."

Changes in academic requirements have affected graduation honors as well. The requirements for Latin honors were raised along with the requirement for the Dean's List. According to Garner, cum laude is now 3.6 (from 3.5), magna cum laude is now 3.75 (from 3.7), while summa cum laude remains the same at 3.9. These changes went into effect for the students who entered this fall and will apply to all incoming students in the future. Upperclassmen are not affected by the new honors system.

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the costs of hosting the event. Students and faculty must show their Titan Cards to see the concert, but non-Westminster guests must pay $10 to see it. Guests can also purchase snacks and refreshments at the provided concession stand.

To ensure the safety of Mardi Gras participants and guests, campus security carefully monitors the event. Much care is taken to keep it safe and alcohol-free.

Although the Mardi Gras celebration is held from 6 p.m. until the concert ends around 11 p.m., guests are encouraged to stop in at a time most convenient to them.

Your Student Government Association

by Erika Hink
Contributing Writer

Here's what's going on this week with your SGA:

Jodi Grissett, Kacie Higgins and Brian Moorhead were sworn in as the newest senior senators.

Nominations were also made for other vacancies: First year Amy Watson, Sophomore Sarah Patterson and Junior Ken Jae will be sworn in upon acceptance. There are also two senior vacancies in the senate. If you are a senior and are interested in becoming a senator for the remainder of the year, please contact sga@westminster.edu.

The Academics committee will be planning another College Bowl to take place this semester. They will also be discussing the possibility of getting a bulletin board for students to post signs about the books that they have for sale at the end of the semester. They are also going to approach someone about making sure the professors get their book orders into the bookstore on time to benefit students who are selling theirs used books back.

The Judicial committee is going to look into the parking issue to make sure the use of parking passes is being enforced. They will also discuss first year students having cars on campus. They are also looking into ways to keep students on campus on the weekends.

CPC is planning Night Owl Bowling this Saturday. If you are interested in going, meet outside of Old 77 at 10:45pm. Also, the movie in the Down Under this weekend is "My Big Fat Greek Wedding." It will be shown Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 9 p.m.

As always, the weekly SGA meetings are open to the entire campus community. If you have issues you would like to discuss with the senate and executive council, please come to next week's meeting at 7 p.m. in Patterson 311.

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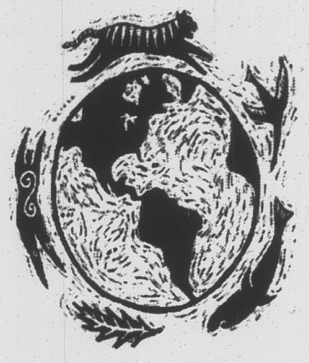

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REGIONAL

Father dresses son as Cub Scout to scam neighbors for money

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) A father accused of scamming neighbors by dressing his 7-year-old son in a Cub Scouts uniform and going door-to-door seeking donations for a nonexistent scout pack failed to show up for his preliminary hearing.

Anthony M. Herman, 46, of Bethlehem, was declared a fugitive Wednesday on more than 40 charges.

Sally A. Gombocz, 45, Herman's live-in girlfriend and the boy's mother, appeared in court and will face trial on the charges. Gombocz told investigators Herman fled because he wasn't willing to go to jail.

"We have information he is not in the state," Northampton County District Justice James Stocklas said. "He is being declared a fugitive."

The charges against the couple stem from reports from 11 residents who told police that between Jan. 7 and Jan. 18, a child dressed in a Cub Scouts uniform came to their doors with two adults who asked for donations toward a camping trip.

Police said up to 146 residents gave donations. In all, the couple received $667, police said.

An investigation revealed that the couple bought their son a Cub Scouts uniform and convinced him that he was a member, according to court records.

Herman and Gombocz were arrested Jan. 22 and charged with multiple counts of theft, corruption of minors, criminal conspiracy and related counts. They each were released on $5,000 unsecured bail.

Police said that after the arrests, people came forward with new information about a landscaping fraud involving Herman. Based on that information, police said they filed additional charges Wednesday of theft and fraudulent business practices against Herman.

Between July 2002 and this January, Herman allegedly received nearly $5,000 for landscaping services he offered to several residents and either failed to start or complete, police said. None of the money was returned, police said.

As part of the landscaping investigation, police said they searched Herman's home Tuesday and discovered drug paraphernalia including empty heroin bags, syringes and a scale. Investigators said additional charges could be pending.

Teenager charged as adult for murder in town's first homicide in 22 years

ECONOMY, Pa. (AP) A 13-year-old boy was charged as an adult with murder in the shotgun slaying of his mother Friday.

Lee Ann Nauman, 31, was found dead on the second floor of her Economy home, shot in the chest and in the head, police said. A caller told Beaver County 911 dispatchers that his mother had been shot before the line went dead, police said.

Gary Beck, 13, was found just over a mile away from the house in a wooded area with a backpack filled with food, Lt. Dale Gatehouse said.

Beck was charged as an adult with criminal homicide. He was being held without bond in the Beaver County Jail on Friday.

Beck's 15-month-old half-sister was found in her crib uninjured, police said.

Beck had been suspended from school this week for bringing shotgun shells to school, Gatehouse said.

Gatehouse was the officer who pulled Beck and a friend off a bus Tuesday when a bus driver called school officials, he said. The boy was showing other students shotgun shells, he said.

"We've interviewed his friend and he doesn't know why (Beck) would shoot his mother," Gatehouse said. "Nobody knows why he shot her. We have no motive."

Police said the 911 call came in at about 11:40 a.m., and they believe the shooting happened shortly before that.

An autopsy was being performed on Nauman on Friday.

Beck lived at the home with his mother and stepfather, he said.

David Nauman, his stepfather, was in the process of adopting Beck, Gatehouse said. He was at work when the shooting took place.

A hearing in the case was scheduled for Feb. 13 in Beaver County.

As of Friday, Beck had no attorney, Gatehouse said.

It is the first homicide in Economy, a small borough about 15 miles northwest of Pittsburgh, in about 22 years. Gatehouse was also the first to respond to the 1981 murder, when a 15-year-old boy shot his stepfather, he said.

Criminal convictions stopped after accused died of surgery complications

PITTSBURGH (AP) The state Supreme Court will not reinstate a criminal conviction against a man who died while awaiting a third trial on charges in a failed murder-for-hire plot of a state environmental official.

William M. Fiore, 77, of Whitehall, died of complications from surgery last month.

He had spent 14 years in prison after being twice convicted of perjury and bribery stemming from a battle with state officials over a hazardous waste permit for his landfill.

Fiore was released from prison in August 2001 after new evidence surfaced which the Superior Court said might persuade a jury to acquit him.

Although Fiore was granted a new trial, the Attorney General's Office appealed and asked that the conviction be reinstated, even after his death.

Chris Eyster, one of Fiore's attorneys, was pleased with the ruling issued Friday.

"We went out a winner," he said. "We successfully argued that in a criminal case when the defendant dies, there's no case ... so the pending appeal was moot."

Kevin Harley, a spokesman for Attorney General Mike Fisher, said the Supreme Court's decision was more of a technical than a complete vindication of Fiore, though he agreed it effectively ends the case.

Fiore owned Municipal and Industrial Disposal Co., which investigators found was leaking dangerous waste into the water. Because of a series of serious environmental violations, the state shut down the Elizabeth Township landfill, costing Fiore $300,000 a month in lost revenue.

In 1985, two years after his permit was revoked, Fiore allegedly asked Nick Zdrale, who also owned a landfill, to hire hit men to kill Charles Duritsa, who was then regional solid-waste manager of the Department of Environmental Resources. It is now the Department of Environmental Protection.

Zdrale allegedly paid $5,000 to his handyman and his friend as a down payment on the hit. However, they couldn't find Duritsa and gave up after one attempt to kill him.

The handyman went to authorities after a dispute with Zdrale and the friend. Zdrale and Fiore were convicted in 1988 for the murder-for-hire plot. Fiore was sentenced to five to 10 years in prison.

Regional Briefs

Army reserves get activation

PITTSBURGH (AP) About 170 Army Reservists from Luzerne and Erie counties have been mobilized as the U.S. prepares for a possible attack on Iraq.

The 99th Regional Support Command's 320th Military Police Battalion, which includes about 150 reservists, reported to its home station in Ashley, Luzerne County, on Tuesday and will mobilize at Fort Dix, N.J., later this week, said a news release from the 99th's headquarters in Coraopolis, Pa.

The battalion is responsible for guarding, sheltering and accounting for up to 1,500 U.S. prisoners, 4,000 prisoners of war or 8,000 displaced persons, officials said.

About 20 reservists in the 99th's 624th Forward Surgical Team will leave their home station in Erie on Friday for Fort Dix, N.J., officials said.

The 624th Forward Surgical Team was organized in Erie in 1998 and about 75 percent of the original reservists are still serving with the unit, officials said.

The 99th's headquarters also announced Tuesday that 80 reservists from the 430th Transportation Company will leave their home station in Baltimore for Fort Eustis, Va., on Saturday.

After they mobilize, the reservists will handle cargo at air, rail or truck terminals; at water terminals located in fixed ports; or in logisitics-over-the-shore operations.

Federal funding stalls project

PITTSBURGH (AP) A lack of federal funds could stall the expansion of commuter train service to the city's North Side.

The Federal Transit Administration has changed the status of the $400 million project from "recommended" to "not recommended," said Paul Skoutelas, chief executive officer of the Port Authority of Allegheny County.

Authority officials said, however, that the federal government used outdated financial information when they downgraded the project. The authority hoped to have the project's status restored to "recommended" within 30 days.

The rail line would connect the city to the North Side, where two new professional sports stadiums are located, along with a number of new businesses and restaurants.

Advocates say mass transit is needed to support the growth expected in the area.

The federal government has paid 60 percent of the bill over the last four years for environmental studies, planning and preliminary engineering.

The Port Authority received authorization to proceed with the final design phase in July, and negotiated contracts that would allow construction of the railway to begin in 2004.

But a formal request for funding was delayed and then the status of the project downgraded, meaning it does not qualify for federal funds.

Port Authority hoped to complete the project by 2007.

NATIONAL

Doctor serves time for improper conduct with a teenage patient

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP) A former southwest Missouri doctor will serve two years in prison for improperly touching a 15-year-old girl during an examination.

Dr. Michael Landreneau, 48, of Joplin had sought probation so he could help manage his family's Louisiana rice farm.

Landreneau told the Jasper County judge he did not remember improperly touching the girl during her office visit in August 2001. He also admitted making mistakes, but said he had paid for them by destroying his medical career, his marriage and his standing in the community.

"I would love to say I didn't do anything wrong, but I don't know, during that time of my life," Landreneau said during Monday's sentencing hearing. He did not explain his comment.

Landreneau entered a plea Dec. 11 to a felony charge of endangering a minor, reduced from statutory sodomy. Under the plea, he does not admit guilt, but acknowledges there may be enough evidence for a conviction.

The victim testified at an earlier hearing that she went to see Landreneau for treatment of her tonsils. She said he had her undress, and he touched her improperly.

At the time the girl went to police, Landreneau faced misdemeanor charges of sexual misconduct alleging he improperly touched two women who worked in his office building.

The misdemeanor charges were dismissed Monday after Landreneau's sentencing on the felony charge as part of the plea agreement.

Landreneau agreed to the suspension of his medical license after the charges were filed. After that, he left Joplin and has been living with his parents in Eunice, La.

His mother, Colleen Landreneau, 71, testified Monday that Landreneau's father is in the final stages of Alzheimer's disease, and that she needed her son's help to care for him.

Landreneau said he also needed to manage his family's rice farm. Landreneau - who was on crutches and had his right foot bandaged - said he broke his leg working on the farm and may need surgery in six weeks.

Asked why he had the girl brought to his office early in the morning, before his nurses or office staff members were there, Landreneau said he had agreed to the early morning visit because the girl's father had to go to work. Landreneau also said the visit was arranged as a favor to the girl's grandfather, who worked at the doctor's office building.

As a result of the felony conviction, Landreneau could permanently lose his medical license. An investigator for the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts was present at Monday's hearing, but representatives of the board will not comment pending a decision.

Energy Secretary says there will not be an oil crisis if the U.S. goes to war

HOUSTON (AP) Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham said Tuesday the Bush administration is confident it can address any severe oil supply disruptions as fears of a war with Iraq lead to higher prices and calls for tapping the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

He said that in November 2001, President Bush directed the reserve be filled to its top capacity of 700 million barrels. It now contains 600 million barrels.

In December, Abraham directed that contributions to the reserve be deferred to help offset the reduction in supplies caused by the ongoing strike in Venezuela.

"While we have not made any decisions about future action, we are confident that we can quickly assess the situation and address any severe supply disruptions if needed," Abraham said to oil executives attending the annual Cambridge Energy Research Associates' conference in Houston.

Requests in recent weeks for an oil release have come from Louisiana refiners suffering from a lack of Venezuelan output and financially ailing airlines seeking relief from soaring fuel costs.

He said OPEC's decision last month to increase production in response to the protracted disruption in Venezuela's exports is a "welcomed step that will help increase global energy supplies and support global economic growth."

Abraham said he particularly appreciated Saudi Arabia's "efforts to implement a production increase" that would help offset price spikes in crude oil, which surged to a 26-month high Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Light sweet crude rose 96 cents to $35.44 per barrel.

His department has established the Office of Energy Assurance to help industry and governments identify and eliminate vulnerabilities to the nation's energy infrastructure, he said.

Earlier Tuesday, the chairmen of two of the nation's three largest oil companies said they believe the Strategic Oil Reserve should be tapped only in an emergency - not to blunt rising prices.

As calls have renewed for the federal government to consider releasing oil as the threat of war, a prolonged strike in Venezuela and a cold winter have contributed to rising fuel prices, leaders of Exxon Mobil Corp. and ConocoPhillips Inc. urged caution.

Irving, Texas-based Exxon Mobil is the world's largest oil company, while Houston-based ConocoPhillips is third-largest in the United States and sixth-largest in the world.

"The use - or the threat of the use - of strategic reserves as a convenient instrument to merely affect short-term energy prices is not the purpose," said Lee R. Raymond, chairman and chief executive of Exxon Mobil.

"Equally undesirable are other actions that would artificially manipulate the market for the purpose of achieving such short-term price reductions. When allowed to work, the free market is exceptionally efficient, and ultimately operates for the benefit of all," Raymond said.

—National Briefs

Bible club approved

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) The Boulder Valley school board on Tuesday cleared the way for a student-led high school Bible club, approving a change in the policy that governs student organizations.

School officials last fall rejected a request by two Monarch High School students to form a Bible club to meet at the school, saying the club would not meet a district requirement that student organizations relate to the curriculum.

The new policy drops that requirement. The board directed Superintendent George F. Garcia to reconsider the students' request under the new guidelines.

It was not immediately clear when that might happen.

Tuesday's vote was 6-0, with one member absent.

The Virginia-based American Center for Law and Justice filed a lawsuit in federal court in January challenging the original decision against a Bible club.

The group, founded by evangelist Pat Robertson, argued a Bible club would be related to the curriculum because the Bible is discussed in history and literature classes.

The group said Monarch allows student organizations such as Peace Jam, Amnesty International and the Gay/Straight Alliance to meet on campus.

Mining company to pay big

DENVER (AP) A federal magistrate on Tuesday ordered a mining company to pay $94,900 in civil damages in a lawsuit brought by national environmental groups over pollution in Teller County streams and rivers.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Patricia Coan ruled that El Paso Gold Mines Inc. had released zinc and manganese into Cripple Creek without a permit, a violation of the Clean Water Act.

She also ordered the Buena Vista company to apply for a state permit.

The Sierra Club and the Mineral Policy Center brought sued the mine in November.

No phone numbers were available for the company, and its lawyers did not return after-hours calls. Company officials have said they had already applied for a discharge permit.

Court documents say the company owns about 100 acres in Teller County, including the inactive El Paso Gold Mine. The mine shaft extends to a tunnel that drains water from mines and other properties into Cripple Creek.

Samples taken in 1994 and 2000 showed that water from the El Paso shaft contained detectable amounts of zinc and manganese, Coan's order says.

Coan said the fine is enough to deter further violations because the mine where the pollution originates is not operating.

The fine also represents the amount the company saved by not applying for a permit, she said.

Over 100 homes built by volunteer workers

ANNISTON, Ala. (AP) Volunteers will come to Anniston and two cities in Georgia this year to build more than 100 affordable homes for low-income families, former President Jimmy Carter said Tuesday.

Carter at a news conference called Anniston the "beaming beacon" of the 2003 Habitat for Humanity project. Carter started the project 20 years ago.

From June 8-13, workers will build 102 affordable homes for low-income families. Thirty-five houses will be built in Anniston, 35 in Valdosta, Ga., and 32 in LaGrange, Ga., Carter said.

When construction's done, "we hand the new and happy and hard-working homeowners a key to their new house, and a Bible," said Carter, 79.

Last year, Anniston was named the 2003 focus for Habitat, an international nonprofit organization that has built more than 125,000 homes since 1976.

"We think that your community and the other two ... will set a vivid and burning example to hundreds of communities in the future," Carter said.

State speaks out on attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) The State Department on Tuesday condemned "unconscionable attacks" by Sudanese government troops against civilians during recent battles with rebel forces.

U.S. monitors looking into clashes in the Western Upper Nile region of southern Sudan reported Sunday that military strikes had forcibly displaced thousands of civilians from their villages.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said in a statement the report showed "the Sudanese army and their allied-militia forces deliberately targeted and displaced civilians" during operations in December and January.

"We condemn these unconscionable attacks and abuses against civilians," he said.

The nation's 20-year-old civil war, entangling government troops and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army, has killed an estimated 2 million people - mainly through war-induced famine - and forced another 4 million to flee their homes.

INTERNATIONAL

U.S. is losing international support for war with Iraq

LONDON (AP) The United States' drive to disarm Iraq by force hit mounting global opposition, with Russia warning that military action without U.N. consent would be a "grave error" and China backing calls to give U.N. weapons inspectors more time.

With the world's other big powers lining up against Washington, the NATO alliance was in disarray Tuesday, failing for a second day to support a U.S.-backed proposal to begin military planning for a conflict with Iraq.

The showdown comes just days before chief U.N. weapons inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei report Friday to the U.N. Security Council, where the United States hopes to get approval for tough action against Baghdad. U.S. President George W. Bush's national security adviser, Condoleeza Rice, met Blix on Tuesday to discuss the inspection process in Iraq, a senior U.S. official said.

Russia and China, which both have veto power on the Security Council, could eventually mute their opposition to military action against Iraq if they conclude war is inevitable. Neither Moscow nor Beijing is eager to risk a major breech with Washington, whose support and trade they both need.

But the vocal opposition to U.S. plans reflects growing concern about unbridled American power in the 21st century, and the flurry of diplomatic activity in Paris and other capitals was as much an attempt to curb Washington's dominance as save Iraq.

If the United Nations does not authorize military action against Iraq, the United States reserves the right to take action along with a handful of key allies such as Britain.

"I am convinced that it would be a grave error to be drawn into unilateral action, outside of international law," Russian President Vladimir Putin told France's TF1 television on Tuesday.

Putin said he saw no need at present for Russia to use its veto as a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council. But asked if Russia would support France if it uses its veto, Putin said: "If today a proposition was made that we felt would lead to an unreasonable use of force, we would act with France or alone."

Chinese President Jiang Zemin told French President Jacques Chirac during a phone conversation that U.N. inspections were working and it was vital to avoid war.

Although the vast majority of the Security Council wants a peaceful, diplomatic conclusion to the crisis, the United States may nevertheless be able to secure the necessary nine votes to authorize force, American and British diplomats insist.

"At the end of the day, the president would like to believe the United Nations will be relevant," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters.

Backing Washington, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said the calls to give U.N. weapons inspections more time would not work.

Japanese citizens worry about replacing ailing emperor

TOKYO (AP) Japan's Emperor Akihito has never seemed more human, nor the palace over which he reigns more open.

As he recovers from an operation for prostate cancer, doctors have called press conferences to give a play-by-play of the surgery, detail his disease and offer their prognosis, which is excellent.

Just 15 years ago, the public wasn't told Akihito's father, the late Emperor Hirohito, had cancer until after he was dead.

The public handling of Akihito's illness - he was released from the hospital over the weekend - offers a sharp contrast with the centuries of closely guarded secrecy that surrounded royal lives spent in quiet seclusion behind moats and palace walls.

But while the newfound openness has been welcomed by many, all is not well with the world's oldest royal family.

Stripped of most of its official powers after World War II, Japan's imperial household has long struggled to define its modern, mostly symbolic role. But it is becoming increasingly irrelevant to the young. And with no male heirs to take over after the next generation, it is facing its most serious succession crisis in centuries.

The transformation of attitudes toward Japan's imperial household over the past 50 years has been stunning.

Until Japan's defeat ended World War II in 1945, the nation, fed on heavy propaganda by the government, revered Akihito's father as a living god. Today, young urbanites don't seem to care much one way or the other.

"Talk about the imperial household with my friends? No, never," said 27-year-old office employee Satoshi Takahashi.

In a poll this month by the Asahi, a major newspaper, 56 percent of the population said they felt "in touch with the imperial household," up 12 percent from a similar poll in 1978.

But only 21 percent of those in their early 20s said they felt that way, while 76 percent felt they were "out of touch."

Public opinion polls also suggest that those young people who do think about the monarchy think it probably needs to move into closer step with the values of the rest of society.

A major test of how open to change the throne is has emerged in its succession crisis.

No boy has been born to the imperial family since the 1960s, but a law written after World War II specifies that only men can assume the throne.

Polls have consistently shown strong support for a revision to allow reigning empresses, particularly following the birth of Crown Prince Naruhito's only child, Princess Aiko, a little over a year ago.

But while many agree there could be much to gain by allowing the Japanese monarchy to update itself, few seem to be willing to lead the effort - least of the all the imperial family itself.

International Briefs

Peaceful region attacked

BRAZZAVILLE, Republic of Congo (AP) Armed militants attacked a village in a mostly peaceful southern region of Republic of Congo, killing more than 10 people, authorities said Tuesday.

The dead from the early Monday attack at Yamba in Bouenza region included the town's police chief, Communications Minister Alain Akoula said. He didn't identify the attackers or specify the exact number of deaths.

Yamba lies 150 miles southwest of the capital, Brazzaville. Monday's attack is the first recorded in Bouenza since a 1999 cease-fire between the government and rebel factions.

A rebel group based in Bouenza has largely respected the accord, but the attack caused worries in the capital that sustained fighting may return to the area.

A separate southern-based insurgency, led by a renegade pastor, revived in March after the election of President Denis Sassou-Nguesso, who first seized power during fighting in 1997.

Rebels in that movement call themselves the Ninja, after the ancient Japanese warriors. They have been blamed for a string of attacks in the Pool region, which borders Bouenza.

The Ninjas are demanding a larger role in government and the military. The renewed fighting in Pool has forced nearly half of the region's 200,000 residents to flee.

The oil-rich central African country was ravaged by three civil wars during the 1990s.

Muslim rebels continue fight

PIKIT, Philippines (AP) Government troops and Muslim rebels fought for a second straight day Wednesday despite a cease-fire ordered by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, with each side blaming the other for failing to stop attacks.

Army spokesman Maj. Julieto Ando said Moro Islamic Liberation Front guerrillas attacked a marine outpost overnight, wounding three soldiers in the village of Cudal in southern Maguindanao province. The marines responded by firing artillery and mortar rounds at rebel positions, using tracer bullets and flares to illuminate the targets.

Ando said that 60 rebels and three soldiers have been killed since the fighting erupted on Tuesday and 15 soldiers wounded. MILF spokesman Eid Kabalu denied the military claim, saying the rebels suffered three dead and three wounded. The figures could not be confirmed independently.

The military accused the insurgents, who have been waging a separatist insurrection in the country's impoverished south for three decades, of sheltering members of the notorious kidnap gang Pentagon, which is on a U.S. terrorist list.

The fighting comes despite efforts to resume peace talks between the government and guerrillas.

JFK commemoration

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) A swimming race at the South Pacific's Solomon Islands will commemorate President John F. Kennedy's swim to save the crew of his sunken PT-109 boat during World War II.

Up to 50 competitors are expected to take part in the JFK PT-109 Marathon Swim in the Blackett Strait, timed to mark the 60th anniversary of the sinking of Kennedy's boat Aug. 1, 1943.

The patrol-torpedo boat went down after it was attacked by a Japanese destroyer in the strait. Two men died, but Kennedy - towing an injured crewmate - and 10 others survived after swimming 15 hours to shore.

Then Kennedy set out for help alone on what has become a famous 21/2-mile swim from Plum Pudding Island to Naru Island and on to Olosana Island, where he found food and help from locals. Plum Pudding Island has since been renamed Kennedy Island.

Local dive shop operator Danny Kennedy, no relation to the 35th president, is planning the swim. Proceeds will benefit the local hospital and schools.

Last year searchers found the wreckage of the PT-109 on the floor of the strait.

10 Iraqi men questioned

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (AP) FBI agents on Tuesday were questioning 10 Iraqi men who were detained at Montego Bay's airport, Jamaican police said, but did not say why they are being held.

The police detained the 10 men Monday after reviewing airport passenger lists and discovering they all held Iraqi passports, police spokesman Lancelot Tyrell said Tuesday.

The men had arrived Sunday on a flight from Havana and had been scheduled to leave Monday night for Belize, he said.

A team of about 20 FBI agents arrived in this north-coast tourist town Tuesday and began interrogating the suspects, who were being held at an undisclosed location, Tyrell said.

No one has been charged with a crime. Under Jamaican law, police can hold suspects for up to a week without charging them.

"The men are being questioned. The police found nothing on them so far, but background checks are being done," Tyrell said.

Police would not give any further information about the men, including what they were suspected of or what their stated purpose was for being in the

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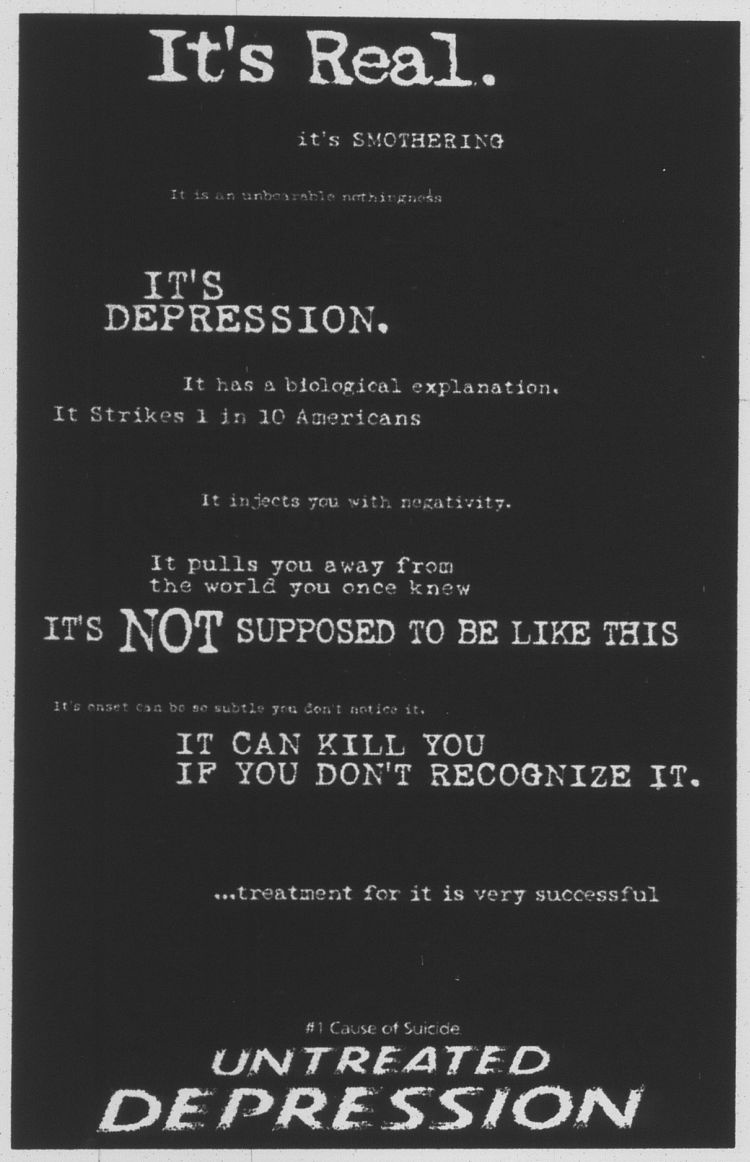

To all those who participated in the Giving Tree project this Christmas we would like to thank you. We received the following letter from The Lawrence County Children and Youth Services:

"The staff of the Lawrence County Children and Youth Services would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your contribution of gifts, money or food during the Christmas Season. Your generosity made Christmas special for so many children.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and for your continued support of the children and staff."

Thank you all. We appreciate all your help.

The Chapel Staff

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SPORTS

Basball preview part two: filling the rest of the field

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

A week after the pitchers and catchers returned to the gym for pre-season preparations, the position players joined them.

Like the pitchers and catchers, Westminster returns nearly its entire arsenal of position players this season. The Titans have lost lone position player Nathan Statzer, last season's statistical leader in doubles, homeruns (T-Culp), runs batted in and steals. More importantly, Statzer's departure leaves a void at shortstop. That void will be filled by last season's center fielder, senior B.G. Davison.

"B.G. will be fine at shortstop," sophomore pitcher Bryan Hilbert said. "I mean, the only difference there is that he'll be firing the ball from shortstop instead of centerfield. He has an incredible arm and there's no where on the field that he can't throw the from."

Davison started all games last year, while batting .309 with 1 HR and 23 RBI. With Davison in the infield, the outfield must be strengthened as Davison's cannon arm now roaming in the middle infield.

Looking to fill the absence of Davison in the outfield are sophomores Kevin Gesacion, Matt Connolly, and Brooks LeViere, along with juniors Tony Deane and Mike McKee.

Gesacion and Deane started last season in leftfield and rightfield, respectively. Gesacion batted .337 last season with 1 homerun, 13 RBI, while stealing 17 bases in 20 attempts. Deane batted .273 with 2 homeruns, and 20 RBI. Connolly, LeViere, and McKee saw limited action last season, but are eager to contribute.

"I'm looking forward to making a contribution," sophomore outfielder Matt Connolly said. "We have all the tools we need to have a great season. I'm just eager to play a role and be part of a winning team."

As the outfield is solidified, the infield, similarly, wields a wealth of experience. Around the horn, senior third baseman Kevin Humberston, junior second baseman Brian Goettler, and senior first baseman Kevin Culp return with Davison manning shortstop for the departed Statzer. Junior Justin Joseph saw substantial action in the infield last season as a platoon player.

"The depth [of this team] will play a big role," junior second baseman Brian Goettler said. "Three and 4-year starters make up the whole infield, and the backups could definitely step up and get the job done if needed. We're looking pretty sweet for this early in the season."

With a deep and strong pitching staff and a formidable roster, the Westminster Titans enter this season with a set of lofty goals. Looking to improve on last season's 23-9 record, the Titans seek to capture the PAC title and earn an NCAA bid. With a very strong roster, the Titans must simply play up to their potential to realize their goals.

Michael Jordan proves he can still keep up with the boys

By Steven Brink
Sports Writer

It wasn't the prettiest shot of his career, but it was typical Michael Jordan. Late Sunday night, the East and West duked it out in one of the most memorable All-Star games to date.

With time winding down in the first overtime, Jordan, for old time's sake, nailed his classic 20-foot fade away jumper with four seconds to play that put the East up by two. It should've been the perfect ending. In Michael Jordan's last all-star game, wouldn't it be fitting the he make the game winning shot, just like he did so many times over his amazing career?

Unfortunately though, he was one Jermaine O'Neal mistake away from riding into the sunset yet again. Michael still has many games left on the Wizards schedule in the upcoming months, but Sunday may have been his biggest game of the year.

All the stars were there; Kobe, Shaq, Garnett, Kidd, Duncan, Iverson, Carter, etc. However, everyone knew who the star was this weekend, and that was Michael Jordan. He needed only ten points to become the all-time leading scorer in All-Star history. Well, he got twenty.

Vince Carter generously gave up his starting spot to Michael, and that made the sellout Atlanta crowd go nuts. Jordan started off the game very slow, missing his first seven shots from the field including a wide-open dunk.

At times he showed his age, he had a few turnovers and he was being beaten defensively some of the time. But what do you expect from a man who's about to turn forty, who was going up against the best players in the world?

Despite the miscues, Jordan, even at age thirty-nine, was still better than half the players at the game. On his best night, he's still one of the top five players in the entire league. Over the last couple year's, Jordan has lost a step or two. With his knees, he can't play the whole game anymore, and he's not an All-NBA defender. But with time running out, and you only have one shot to win the game, who would you rather have shoot the ball?

Players get older and at some point there body physically can't do it anymore. But with players like Michael Jordan, who have the fire, determination, and the desire to win at all costs, those qualities will never go away. His body will never be what it was ten years ago, but that doesn't matter to Jordan. He will always be considered one of the all-time great competitors in any sport.

Why do you think he's still out there today? It's certainly not because of the money. He's out there because players have a passion for the game that they've had since they were five years old, shooting free throws in their backyard. That passion will never leave the great players. Ten years from now, Jordan will still think he can come back and do it one more time.

And the frightening thing is, he probably could.

Sports briefs

Swimming

Westminster College senior men's swimming standout Craig Guthoerl (Bethel Park/Bethel Park H.S.) has been named Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Men's Swimmer of the Week for the week ending Feb. 9, 2002.

Guthoerl, a freestyle/breaststroke/individual medley specialist, posted three wins for the Titans (8-2, 3-0 PAC) in their 139-84 PAC victory at Grove City on Tuesday. He captured both the 200 freestyle (1:47.65) and 200 breaststroke (2:12.17), while swimming a leg for the victorious 400 medley relay team (3:38.74).

The Westminster men's and women's swimming teams return to action at the Grove City/PAC Invitational, hosted by Grove City College in Grove City, Pa., on Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 20-22, 2003.

Men's Basketball

The Westminster College men's basketball team saw its record drop to 9-13 overall and 3-4 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play tonight at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium, as the Titans suffered a 60-53 defeat to PAC co-leader Grove City College (14-7, 5-2 PAC).

Grove City scored the first eight points of the game and appeared on its way to an early blowout, leading by as many as 16 points (28-12 with 6:17 to play) in the first half. However, the Titans rallied and closed the half with a 14-6 run to cut the lead to eight points (34-26) at intermission. Grove City never trailed in the second half, as the Titans were able to close within five points on three occasions, the last at 58-53 with 1:10 to play, but could get no closer.

Nate Maurer of Grove City led all scorers with 22 points while adding seven rebounds and a game-high six assists. Sophomore forward Pat O'Connor (Pittsburgh/Keystone Oaks H.S.) was the lone Titan to reach double figurs with 12 points, all in the first half, on four three-pointers. Junior guard Mike Hill (Garrettsville, OH/Windham H.S.) added a season-high nine points off the bench, while senior center Greg Foster (Girard, OH/Ursuline H.S.) added team-best totals of nine rebounds and three blocked shots.

The Westminster cagers are back in action this Saturday, Feb. 15, as the Titans face the other PAC co-leader, Waynesburg College, in Waynesburg, Pa. Tip-off is slated for 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball

The Westminster College women's basketball team saw its record drop to 7-15 overall and 2-5 inPresidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play tonight at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium, as Grove City College (8-12, 5-2 PAC) posted a late 9-0 run to post a come-from-behind 68-65 victory over Westminster.

The Lady Titans led most of the first half, building as much as a 12-point lead (33-21 with 5:45 to play) before heading to intermission ahead 37-31. Westminster held a narrow lead most of the second half and led 62-60 with 2:18 to play, when the Lady Wolverines went on a 9-0 run to take command at 67-62 with 10 seconds left. A Westminster three-pointer cut the lead to 67-65 with four seconds left and the Lady Titans tied up the inbounds pass with two seconds left, but the possession arrow went to Grove City. GCC was fouled and made one of two free throws with a second left, as Westminster was unable to get off a final attempt.

Abby Moose led Grove City with 17 points. For Westminster, senior guard Jennifer Petures (Monaca/Center H.S.) bucketed a game-high and season-high 23 points, which also tied her career-high. She also dished out a team-best four assists. Sophomore forward Erica Tallo (Oakdale/West Allegheny H.S.) added 10 markers, while senior forward Samor Himes (Irwin/Penn-Trafford H.S.) hauled in a team-high eight rebounds in the loss.

The Lady Titans return to action this Saturday, Feb. 15, as Westminster travels to face PAC rival Waynesburg College inWaynesburg, Pa., at 5:30 p.m.

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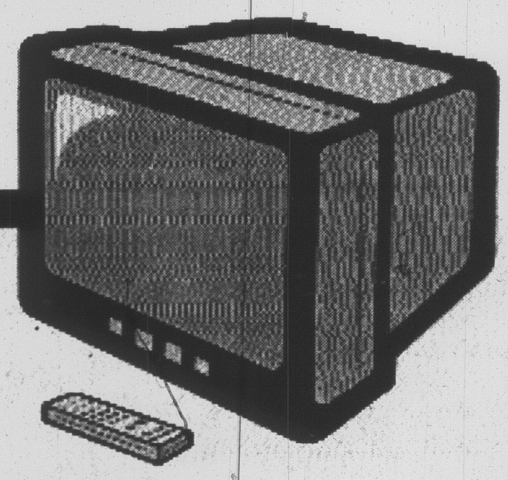

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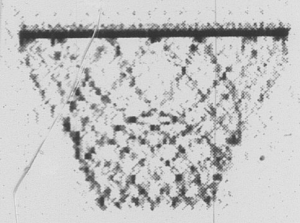

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Please Use the Other Door" means use the other door!

Quit thinking! It hurts!

Who is Poodle and who let her off her chain?

Entertain me. Go!

1, 2, 3... Care!

I have your Wheat Thins!

Just sign up! Suck it up & join the flippin' dating pool!

I really got to stop coming to lunch early.

My blood type is bacon grease.. How about yours??

Is it Spring Break yet? My poor lil' brain has turned to mush!

If I don't put random crap in the Rant N' Rave box, who will?

I laughed until I stopped...

Save a tree!

The comedians this semester have been great!

Michael Jackson truly is a scary guy. What's up with not knowing how many times you've had surgery???

Peace is also patriotic.

I drink my milk from a bowl! No cereal... just milk.

Give it up for the Happy Bus.

You don't like to climb trees?

Stop complaing...
Do something about it.

No more snow! I've had enough of this nonsense!

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: Letter to Cupid

Dear Cupid,

We regret to inform you that your immediate resignation is requested. A vote was taken and after much deliberation we have come to the conclusion that your performance (namely in dispensing the emotion of love) as of late has been, shall we say, lacking and you fail to show any sign of improvement.

Case in point, your aim is horrible. Your arrows no longer hit their mark. How else can you explain the uncomfortable positing of unrequited love? The glasses you requisitioned seem to have done no good, and as laser surgery is strictly prohibited for any being of an ephemeral nature, we doubt your condition will get any better.

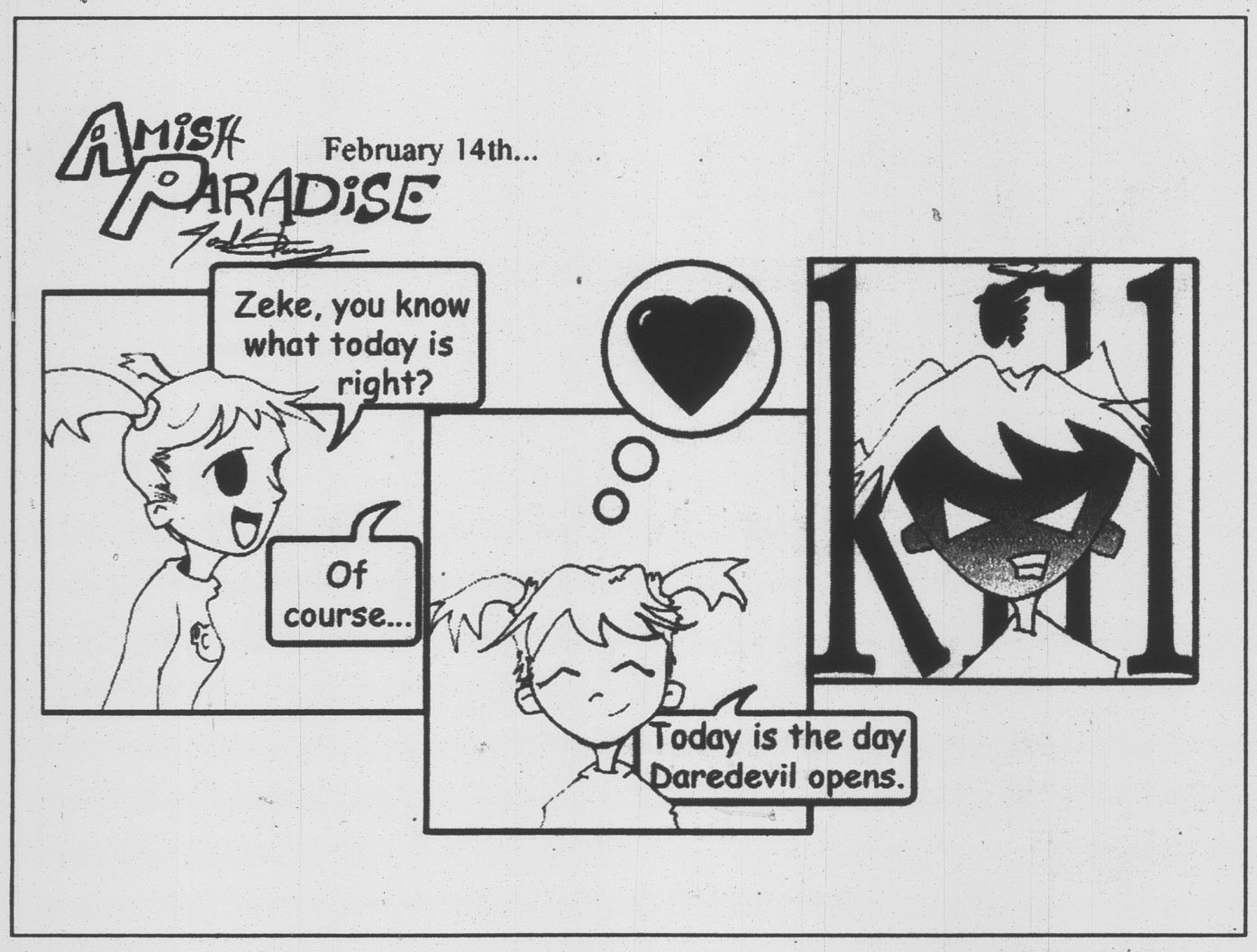
Point number two, your product—love—is too fragile. The customer service department has had to quadruple the size of its staff to handle the complaints. Hearts are too delicate and cannot handle the dangerous narcotic you push on the masses.

The third and final point that calls out for your retirement comes in the fact that your product is faulty beyond hope of repair. The intended purpose of love, as stated in your contract, is to bring joy and comfort to the lives of men and women. Yet love seems to only cause pain, either in its absence, in its departure, or when presented with a true case and shown the illusionary quality of its current state. This pain seems to be intrinsic to the very existence of love, and the pain goes against everything love is purported to stand for. This is completely unacceptable.

> The committee feels it best that you turn in your bow and quiver

Based on these observations and the sheer number of complaints we receive daily (especially on this day), the committee feels it best that you turn in your bow and quiver of arrows, and tender your resignation immediately. Please await further notification as your actions of late have come under inquiry and may merit an investigation by the internal affairs office.

Sincerely,
The Director of Muses



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to Sandra Edmiston's letter concerning a recent editorial about "townies." Now, while I disagree with her stance on the issue, and I could offer many arguments to refute her statements, I find myself to be more concerned with a different aspect of her letter: the inclusion of personal insults. Her letter was peppered with derogatory implications and antagonistic references to Mr. Huston as "an arrogant college student," and "an insufferable, self-inflated individual." She filled her commentary with mockery by addressing insults directly to Mr. Huston. Such methods of presenting ideas cannot be taken seriously in the world of journalism, and furthermore, these methods directly contradict the words written in the tiny, small print box beneath the "Letters to the Editor" section of the Holcad: "Letters must be free from offensive language, personal attacks, and libelous or potentially libelous statements."

Miss Edmiston's argument involved some strong points, but I lost a great deal of respect for her ideas because of the invectiveness utilized throughout her letter. While it can be argued that in his editorial, Mr. Huston criticized the attitudes of some New Wilmington residents, a review of his piece of journalism will show that he used no personal attacks, derogatory remarks, or even degrading language such as the taunting words Miss Edmiston flung about with nonchalance. Through the use of such tactics, Miss Edmiston (a native of New Wilmington) exemplified the local anger addressed by Mr. Huston in his editorial; rather than argue her points in a logical, dignified style, Miss Edmiston chose to refer to her fellow students (specifically Mr. Huston) in a demeaning manner. I think her response to the editorial and the inclusion of Animal House stereotypes throughout her letter helped to support Mr. Huston's argument rather than to discredit it. I, personally, would like to thank Miss Edmiston for such firsthand insight into the opinions of at least one of New Wilmington's residents.

Sincerely,
Nikki Alyssa Pencak

Dear Editor,

I am perplexed at the nature of the Holcad's Rant and Rave column, which in my opinion has become increasingly annoying and immature as the year has gone on. If this column is to represent the anonymous views of Westminster College, I am ashamed to say that any outsider would most likely believe he or she stumbled upon a high school, not a decorated institution of higher education.

I present to you the Top Three Rants from last week's Holcad (please note the sarcasm when I say Top): 3. My cheese burger is staring at me. Help, 2. Doom doom doomie doom!, 1. I kinda like cheese. Please keep in mind I do not mean to insult the authors of these lyrical masterpieces, but what the hell is wrong with this campus???? Do we not have better things to complain about? Our president (George W., not R. Thomas W.) is a war hungry, elite serving, idiot who cannot pronounce words like peninsula and strategy, people on this campus feel the need to destroy and steal others property, and only 4 and a half people are allowed to live off campus every year.

So as to not merely focus on the negative, I offer some raves as well, that are slightly more meaningful than Mmm...pastries. So I guess I will try to get the ball rolling. Way to go CPC for getting Finesse Mitchell to preform in the Down Under last Friday, he was hilarious! Well written letter to the editor last week Sandra Edmiston, I couldn't agree more. Great job History and Education Departments, I feel you've prepared me well for my future endeavors.

So instead of criticizing the grade k chicken, the "oriental soup," or the imposter Lo Mein, criticize our leaders for allowing children to starve all over the world. And instead of crying about the cold, thank your parents for the warm clothes they provide you with so you can make the 10 minute trek across campus without getting frostbite.

Matthew Mough

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days

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Biz Adams

How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days tells the story of would-be serious journalist Andie (Kate Hudson) who is currently working for Composure, a magazine that focuses more on fashion than politics. Her editor has been keeping a close eye on her newest staff addition, promising that once Andie proves herself at Composure, she can write whatever she wants. Grudgingly, Andie finds herself doing a story on everything women do wrong in relationships, called How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days. That night, she finds Ben (Matthew McConaughey) at a bar and chooses him as her victim.

It's getting awful reviews, but go see it on the big screen.

While all this drama is going on on Andie's end, Ben has a few tricks up his sleeve as well. He works for an advertising agency, and is currently trying to reclaim the world's largest diamond supplier as his client from his two icy coworkers played by supermodel Shalom Harlow and ER veteran Michael Michele. The two women, whom Ben calls "Hips and Lips," dare Ben to make a women fall in love with him in a week and a half. They, knowing of Andie's new story assignment, choose her as the bait. If he succeeds in making Andie fall in love with him, the campaign is his. Now, this is all a far stretch from reality. But, in the movie's defense, this surplus of coincidence is the only major plot problem.

So begins the relationship between womanizer Ben and independent Andie. After playing it cool for the first twenty-four hours, Andie shifts into psycho mode at the end of their first official date. Hilarity ensues. Despite all of Andie's insane efforts to drive him away, Ben sticks with it for less-than-altruistic reasons. Basically, they completely deserve each other, which is a refreshing twist in a romantic comedy.

This movie was hysterical. It's getting awful reviews, but I don't know why. Go see it on the big screen.

Valentine's Day is not just for the romantics

by Jillian Jordan
A&E Editor

Today is a day that many look forward to, yet is despised by the remainder of people. It is Valentine's Day, which is normally construed as a day for lovers, cherishing a lifetime worth of love in a twenty-four hour period. Sound a little ridiculous? If you are single, don't spend your day alone, slouching around, watching sappy romantic movies. Get out there and find your valentine! I don't mean for you to jump online and hit up the first dating service you find or call up a close friend to head out to all of the popular "single spots" that New Wilmington has to offer us college students.

A valentine doesn't necessarily have to be a member of the opposite sex whom you either feel attracted to or emotionally attached with. Today is meant to be a day in which you value all of your loved ones. We each have significantly important people in our lives that we appreciate with just as much emphasis as we do in boyfriend/girlfriend relationships.

I bet you're wondering what my little pep talk has to do with entertainment, right? I want you to sit down and think about the people that mean the most to you. Think about all of the little things that they do for you each and every day.

Who knows where we would have all ended up without our much needed friends and mentors. My advice is to entertain yourself by pondering this idea.

If you're someone who usually doesn't look forward to Valentine's Day, try to change your thinking. Call home and talk to your parents or older brother/sister, get together with some of your very best friends (most likely, those who are single) and talk about why you appreciate each other so much, and pray for that special someone to possibly enter your life before next year rolls around. In no way should you feel depressed on such a joyful day. Although love is "the irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired", it is also "friendship set to music." Don't take your relationships for granted. Cherish love's many features, in relationships both at and beyond.

Broadway performers stop to entertain in Orr Auditorium

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Editor

Exactly a week ago, three soloists performed with the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra in Orr Auditorium. One of the soloists was Richard White, a Broadway actor who was also the voice of Gaston in Disney's "Beauty and the Beast." White performed with two other Broadway actors: Craig Schulman and Kim Crosby.

This is usually a column that relates more to recording artists than to big bands and Broadway actors, but who can ignore 'Gaston' coming to our school? I didn't actually get a chance to see the show, (I was busy enjoying comedian Finesse Mitchell in the Down Under) but I did get a chance to meet the soloists while doing my duties as an SAA member at president Williamson's house that night. Everyone I talked to absolutely loved the show.

The show highlighted hits by Richard Rodgers that were in such theatrical productions as; "Oklahoma," "Carousel," "Pal Joey," "The King and I" and "South Pacific." You may recognize some of the songs such as; "My Funny Valentine," "Some Enchanted Evening," "With a Song in My Heart," "Shall We Dance" and "Climb Every Mountain.

Richard White's role as Monsieur Gaston not only earned him notoriety, but it also earned him a Platinum Record, a Grammy Award and the opportunity to sing on the 64th Annual Academy Awards telecast. White has also played Gaston in such TV shows as "House of House," "The Cartoon Characters Villains," and is also reportedly ordained as reverend.

Craig Schulman is the only actor in the U.S. who has portrayed the Phantom in "The Phantom Of The Opera," Jean Valjean in "Les Misérables," and the title roles in "Jekyll & Hyde." Schulman was also invited to represent the U.S. at the 10th Anniversary of "Les Misérables" in London.

Kim Crosby most recently appeared on Broadway in The Tenth Anniversary Concert of "Into The Woods," as Cinderella. She can also be heard on the Grammy Award winning original cast album. Crosby has also starred on Broadway as Sarah Brown in the revival of "Guys and Dolls" and has also been a featured vocalist in Jerry's Girls.

Combine Brothers offers good dining

by Melissa Logan
Staff Writer

Picture a leftover factory from the 1920s complete with metal fixtures, industrial lamps, and a vaulted ceiling. Now picture this factory being updated to include wooden, high-backed booths, eclectic Italian paintings, and the smell of simmering sauce. This is my best attempt at describing the atmosphere of Combine Brothers Bar & Grille.

Located in Hermitage, Pa. along route 60 North, Combine Brothers draws a weekend wait for a booth of about one hour. My best suggestion is to go early—around 5:00 p.m. on a Friday night if you don't want to wait for a table.

My second suggestion is to not be fooled by the number of cars in the parking lot. Every time I drive by Combine Brothers the lot is packed with vehicles. From speaking with others, this business seems warranted. However, in my opinion I don't see what the fuss is all about.

Since my party arrived early, around 5:15 p.m., we had no wait for a seat. We were led to one of the many black wooden booths situated in three rows across the length of the restaurant. A word of caution to first timers though, be warned that the other tables are within two feet of you on either side. By the end of your meal, you will have heard more of your neighbor's conversation than you wanted and they have heard more of yours than you really wanted to share.

On the up side, the wait staff was excellent. Our server was friendly, knowledgeable and prompt with refills and clearing the table. Our meal came with a dinner roll and a bowl of salad to share among the party.

Since I am a self-proclaimed connoisseur of bread, take my word. The bun was twice to three times the size of a normal dinner roll and twice to three times as chewy. By the time I was done eating half the roll my jaw was aching. Although I did not eat the salad, my date did. He rated it among most restaurant salads. However, since there were no choices in dressings, it was house dressing for all.

The menu offered a wide selection of Italian dishes. Soups and appetizers were also available. However, have mercy on the person who orders soup, an appetizer, dinner roll and salad, an entrée, and a dessert. I was nearly full after just the dinner roll.

I chose lasagna with a meatball, the best part being the meatball. The noodles were spewing with ricotta cheese and drowned in sauce. I had to be careful not to lose the noodles in all that mess. My date had hot sauce linguini with shrimp and mushrooms and New England clam chowder. Neither of which did he rave about, but insisted instead that he had similar dishes at other restaurants that were much better.

As for the price, I wouldn't recommend it on a college student's budget. For two meals, two soft drinks, and the tip the bill ran just over $40. Unless you are celebrating a special occasion, feeling rich, or your parents want to take you out for dinner, I would suggest a less expensive place considering my overall experience.

If my review hasn't turned you off to the idea and you still would like to try things for yourself, note that the kitchen is only open from 3:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Perhaps the restaurant should be renamed. There was little bar and nearly no grille. But, to each their own. A packed parking lot in a struggling economy does say something positive about a restaurant.

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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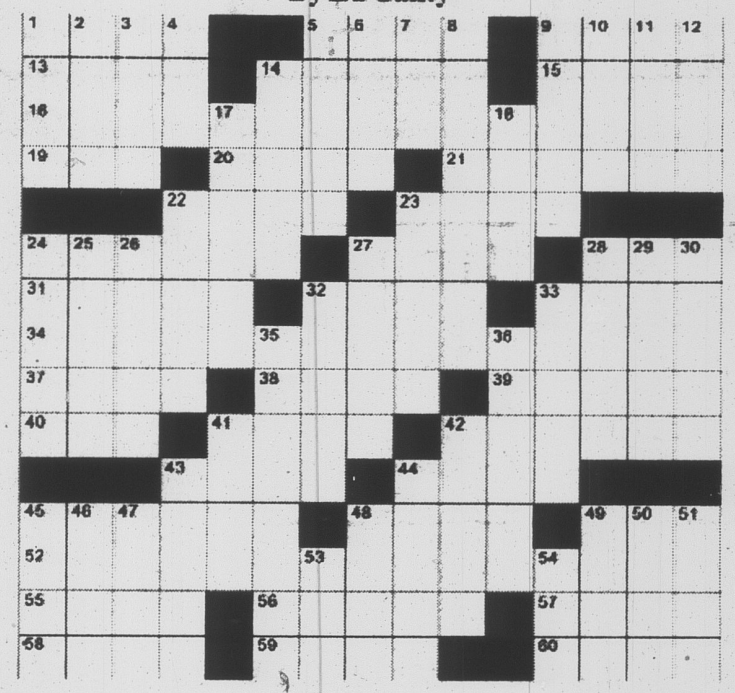

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32 King's name
33 Angry
34 Anvil
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39 Fabled person
40 Financial wizard
41 Window segment
42 Radar noises
43 Seaweed
44 Vaccine type
45 Grammy winner Krause
48 State of prosperity
49 Downs antithesis
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55 Symphony orchestra need
56 Balanced wheels
57 Orthopedic's concern
58 Mail
59 Just got by
60 Causing little distress

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2 Suffer
3 Facial gesture
4 International org.
5 Conifers
6 Golden calf
7 North Pole worker
8 Orthodontist's prescription
9 Fusses
10 Skin eruption
11 Cookie
12 Paraphernalia
14 Parisian artist's subject
17 Basketball Hall of Famer "Moose" _____
18 Corn leftover
22 New
23 Slippers
24 Like some committees
25 Whooping cough
26 Approximate date
27 American pioneer
28 Slipknot
29 Army unit
30 Facilitates
32 Porcelain
33 Henry Bessemer's forte
35 Be inactive, like water
36 Sandwich filler
41 Scheme
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45 Fusses
46 Grease
47 Computer picture
48 Dejected
49 John Wooden's employer
50 Jokes
51 Stick around
53 Provoke
54 Regret

Quotable Quote

Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil, and you're a thousand miles from the corn field.

• • • *Dwight D. Eisenhower*

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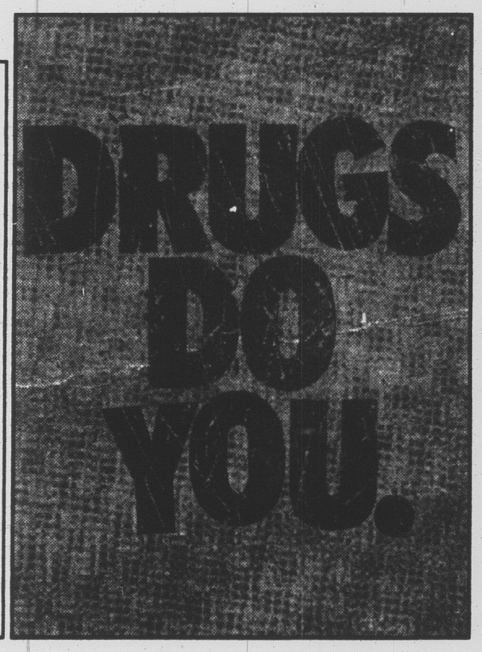


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Change is in the air. Allow old habits and emotions to be swept away and you'll be surprised how fast new and exciting situations will materialize. Chances are that you've been trying to work at things alone, stop and get feedback from others.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
During the week your physical energy will abound. Use this new found energy well and include others in the activities, possibly children. Tie up any loose ends and expect something in the workplace to come to a head. You have alot to share with those around you.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
There is someone close to you in desperate need of financial help. Look around you closely, this individual may not be obvious. Feelings of passion will follow you during the week. Direct this fiery energy in a positive way. It is a good time to express yourself romantically.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Try to maintain your sunny spirit in the face of seemingly depressing circumstances. Do what you can and try to stop worrying. You can do much to change the situations you find yourself in. Do your best to act fairly, for money matters are coming to a head.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
An existing relationship will flourish if you trust the other person completely. There is a real possibility for a new and intense love. Your spark of enthusiasm brings out the best in those around you. This opportunity could pave the way to more responsiblity.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
You are doing well in your career choice, but know you could be doing better if given the chance. That opportunity for advancement is right around the corner. Be sure you can make good on your promises. There is an introspective friend who needs your emotional support this week.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Turmoil seems to be everywhere this week. Just remember that a great deal of criticism can be delivered effectively with a smile. It will make more sense to keep people on your side if you can channel your rage in a more direct way. Joy could be just as habit forming as pessimism is.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
You may have the opportunity to invest in a creative enterprise with unexpected money coming from a family member who is looking out for your best interests. If a relationship is starting to feel a little stagnant, try to find ways to increase vitality, or get out.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
It's time to take a lead from an ambitious acquaintance, and take your shot at fame and fortune. Your love life may be a bit rocky this week, so try to accentuate the positive. It's time to sew up any loose ends, leaving no stone unturned as you finish up.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Changes do not come easy, but those that may occur in your personal life will probably be more excepted than most. Quiet time with family will give you the opportunity to catch up with others' lives. When you put your mind to it, you can accomplish just what you want.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
You seem to have a choice of paths to take. Make sure that you are not achieving success at the cost of others. Such ambition will no doubt reap rewards you may not wish for. It feels as if you are running around in circles; everything does not have to be done by the book.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
If you are getting to attached, you are only setting yourself up for disappointment. Live in the here and now, tomorrow will take care of itself. Much of what you have been striving for is within your grasp, but you may have to count on others to help you reach that goal.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are wearing your feelings on your sleeve, and it's time you realize that you may not be as tough as you think. Withdrawing emotionally may help you figure out just where you are and where you belong. Romantic endeavors may prove more trouble than they are worth right now.

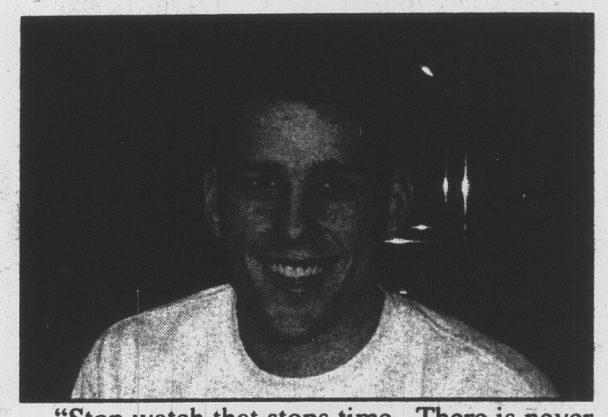
FEATURE

Question of the Week: Inventions
What would you invent to make life easier?

"Deodorant, that on the other end has (body) spray, so when you go to the gym and work-out it's like a two-for-one deal. You don't have to carry two things with you. It's all in one." **- Sarah Bouldin, first year**

"Mind reading devices because the guys on this campus don't tell you how they feel and they get mad at you for no reason."

- Sarah Blasko, first year



"Stop watch that stops time. There is never enough time in a day."

- Adam Hadbavny, first year

"An escalator to Hillside." **- Amy Rentz, sophomore**

"A machine that would take all the weight off of you so you don't have to work out. Or something that could take you back in time so you could do things you missed out on or take back things you did." **- Meghan Wilson, sophomore**

"An electro-magnetic pulse that changes time every 60 seconds. (What would that do for you?) You figure it out." **- Steve Graven, junior**

"I would invent something to do my homework for me." **- Victoria Duerr, first year**

"Something that could take me anywhere in a second." **- Bobby Bartle, sophomore**

"A nocturnal emissions bag." **- Mike Ranella, junior**

"Toilet seats that automatically clean themselves for boys that pee on the seats." **- Justin Kurtz, senior**

Suction-Cupped Shoes and TeleTransportation

by Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

I was never an avid watcher of television. The only days I remember being plugged to the tube were when "Punky Brewster" gave new meaning to my wardrobe and when "Beverly Hills, 90210" defined what the ultimate high school experience would be like.

So when I see re-run episodes of sitcoms, it is usually for the first time around. And it would be a sacrilege if I visited my friends Allison and Missy without watching an episode of Seinfeld, the staple of Missy's comedic diet.

Sunday's Seinfeld re-run on Fox 53 was the episode when Jerry, Elaine, George and Cramer get lost in a mall's parking garage. Cramer is carrying around an air-conditioner which he almost drops every few seconds. Elaine has a new goldfish friend, desperate for air in a plastic bag, Jerry is griping about how bad he has to urinate and George is whining about being late to take his parents out on their 47th wedding anniversary.

By the end of the 30-minute intensity, Jerry and George get arrested for public urination, Elaine's fish dies and Cramer forgets where he left the air-conditioner. At 7:45 p.m., fifteen minutes before George is to meet his parents, Cramer makes it to the car with the air-conditioner, slamming it into the trunk, and when everyone is finally in the car, the engine does not turn over.

Well, that whole brief synopsis was to say that it was Jerry's opening stand-up that won my attention. He was discussing how easy life would be if we had suction-cup shoes that allowed us to look at a mall map, and instead of figuring vertically where to go to find the shops we want to visit, we could suction ourselves via our shoes on to the map.

Now, I haven't shopped at a mall in well over a year, but just think of the genius behind Seinfeld's reasoning. Wouldn't that make life so much easier? Especially if suction-travel worked for any kind of map?

Just think of it. You could look at a map, and instead of planning, investing and waiting for dream vacations to happen, transportation would work instantly. No more pollution, no more traffic-jams, no more car accidents...just loud suction noises coming from all directions. These frontier-suction-shoes could take you anywhere you want to go. They would be pretty full of magic, huh?

What would a world of suction-shoes look like? Would we all get a pair so that we could go to any destination at any time or would they be luxurious apparatuses? Should there be a time-cap that only allows suction visitors to stay places for certain amounts of time? Would the possibilities of suction-travel be limited to maps? Could we make it to space and other fictional lands of adventure and mystery?

Allison and I have always flirted with the invention of Tele-transportation. Talks of that dream started after we returned from studying in London, wishing we could synchronize ourselves to be with some of our favorite people at our favorite places.

Tele-transportation would work on the same lines as suction-cups, but instead you really just need a mind, an imagination and a will to be somewhere other than where you are. Everyone could run around saying, "Beam me up Scotty," and instantly, you could be anywhere in the world you wished to be.

But of course, life will never be that simple. Gas-powered, pollution systems are inevitable in this day and age, and it is quite difficult to predict when life will work without traffic and exhaust fumes.

It is funny what television sparks in our imaginations. I allowed a 30-second stand-up skit to govern my imagination into a fantasy suction-cup land. I gave my TV to my boyfriend this semester so I could see what life would be like without it. It was weird at first coming up with things to do. But now I remember that TV fictional characters can make me motivated to think, to ask questions, to create a world that can only exist in my mind. Maybe I should just read a book.

Insert Angry Voice Here: Valentine's Day

by Drew Huston
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day? How About Black Friday?!

My fellow students, as we all know, today is Valentine's day, whether we want it to be or not. Now, some of you may accuse me of being a hypocrite being that I (finally) have a girlfriend this year for V-Day. Well, believe me my friends, I've spent more than my fair share of this holiday all by my lonesome, so I know the pain (and sometimes great annoyance) that a lot of single people suffer from on this day (this IS, after all, the first Valentine's Day during which I've ever had a significant other - chalk that up to my poor girlfriend not knowing what she's gotten herself into). So, I'll draw from my painful memories and try to make things at least a bit better by giving you wonderful Westminster-ites some suggestions on getting rid of the V-Day Blues.

First of all, the best method is avoidance - if you're not surrounded by red, pink and white hearts all day; if you're not bombarded by the smell of chocolate and the squeaks of plush toys, they won't bother you (at least as much). So, step one: instead of watching the Valentine's specials on television, or brooding about how you'd like to shove those boxer shorts with little hearts on them down your roommate's boyfriend's throat, you could go out and rent a movie - not a romantic comedy ala "When Harry Met Sally," but an action film - "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" or something of the like should suffice. Lose yourself in the action-packed car chases, and in images of that guy from the X-Files turning into liquid metal... The visions of those little Scooby Doo Wal-Mart Valentines and those horrific kissing bears that have magnets in their noses are fading fast now, eh?

Okay, step two: displacement. Get some junk food - not the cruddy stuff that's low-fat - I'm talking Doritos, I'm talking Velveeta Microwave Cheese Dip, I'm talking Chocolate-Covered ANYTHING, I'm talking Pizza Rolls! I'm talking thigh-spreading, posterior-enlarging stuff here. Now assemble it before you when watching the movie, and consume, not caring about the calories you're consuming. It's okay in this one instance - this is about psychological health, here!

Step three: congregation. Surround yourself with your single friends, and other like-minded individuals. There's no sense in being alone on Valentine's Day, so find some people who are also thinking dark thoughts about Cupid and his arrows, invite them over, and watch Arnold together. Who knows, maybe they can bring some mint chocolate chip ice cream along! The beauty of it is that you don't have to talk about Valentine's day with them - in fact, they'd probably prefer you didn't.

Apart from these precautionary steps, my friends, if you are single on Valentine's Day, there are a few things you can take consolation from.

Guys: just imagine you have $60 in your pocket. Now imagine it bursting into flame, and you'll equal the Valentine experience for many of your fellow males.

Ladies: it is an extremely rare occurrence that your Valentine fantasies will come true. In addition to the money you'll be spending on your significant other, spontaneous trips to the Italian Alps or to the Grand Concourse in Pittsburgh for dinner happen to one out of every 2,000,000 college students. Or less. The chances are that some guy (myself included - again, my significant other has put up with MORE than her fair share of screw-ups from yours truly - much to her credit) will guess wrong, won't be able to afford what you REALLY want, or will (through no fault of his own) say or do something that will make the day, shall we say, less than perfect.

So, if you are romantically involved with someone today, I congratulate you, because I probably won't be after my girlfriend gets hold of this article. If you're single, realize that this isn't the end of the world - follow my tips, and you'll have a better Valentine's Day than I ever had, and hey, doesn't that make it all worthwhile?

Classifieds

Car for sale: 1989 Mercury Topaz. For details and a test drive, call 724-699-3916.

Dress for Sale: Formal black dress for Westminster choir performances. Size 8-10, price is $75. Call Kristy at ext. 6662 for more information.

Car for Sale: 1988 Mazda MX-6. $1300 or best offer. Call ext. 6907 for more details.

Lambda Sigma sophomore honor society will have Amish T-shirts available for a limited time. Prices are $10 for S-XL and $12 for XXL-XXXL. To order, write down name, box number, number of shirts desired, and color preference (gray or blue). Place order and payment (cash or checks) in an envelope marked "Diana Borowski, Box 989." Orders and payment must be received by Friday, Feb. 14.

Mardi Gras celebration, sponsored by the Student Affairs Office, is scheduled Friday, Feb. 14, in Orr Auditorium. From 6-8 p.m., there will be booths in Orr Lobby with games and prizes; at 8 p.m. there will a fireworks display; and at 8:30 p.m. Allister will be in concert along with a special guest. WC Community enjoys free admission with student ID, while non-Westminster patrons will be charged $10 at the door.

The PCMEA Variety Show will take place on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in Orr Auditorium. Admission is $1. If you are interested in performing, contact John Westcott at ext. 7461 ASAP. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday Feb.15 for all acts performing in the show.

Westminster College's Green Party is currently organizing a day of protest against the war in Iraq. "Storm the Castle" will take place on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 2-4 p.m. at the corner of Jefferson Road and E. Washington Road in New Castle. Organizers are currently looking for people to speak and groups to formally endorse the march and rally. For more information, contact Isaac Ludwig at 724-946-3815, email ludwigih@westminster.edu or Ken Jae at 724-946-6475, email jaekc@westminster.edu.

The Diversity Symposium presents best-selling author Bruce Feiler making a presentation, "Jews, Christians, & Muslims: Unity and Discord Among the Children of Abraham." He will be speaking Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 8 p.m. in Orr Auditorium. Admission is free.

"Bowl for Kids' Sake," sponsored by Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Lawrence County, is scheduled Saturday, April 5, at Colonial Bowling Lanes in New Castle. Call 724-657-3680 to sign up a team or to get more information.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 14
VALENTINE'S DAY
Board of Trustees Meetings
Newman Club Carnation Delivery
Indoor M&W Track & Field @ Kent State Invitational
11:40 a.m. Chapel
6:00 p.m. Mardi Gras

SATURDAY 15
Board of Trustees Meetings
All Day Ski Club Drip to Holiday Valley, NY
RA Interviews - Orr Mezzanine
5:30 p.m. W Basketball @ Waynesburg
7:00 p.m. Mass
TBA M Basketball @ Waynesburg
TBA PCMEA Variety Show Tryouts - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Movie: My Big Fat Greek Wedding - Down Under

SUNDAY 16
3:00 p.m. Artist-in-Residence Concert: Susan Shafer - Chapel
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie: My Big Fat Greek Wedding - Down Under

MONDAY 17
PRESIDENTS' DAY
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:15 p.m. Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Late Night - Down Under

TUESDAY 18
File 2003 FAFSA
11:15 a.m. Student Life and Athletic Council Meeting - OM 307
11:00 a.m. Support Staff Meeting - TC 314
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
7:00 p.m. International Film Festival - Down Under
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 am Late Night - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 19
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: BYOL Discussions - PH 311
4:30 p.m. Children's Literature Group - TC 315 Discussion Book: Susan Cooper's The Grey King
5:30 p.m. W Basketball @ W&J
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
TBA M Basketball @ W&J
7:30 p.m. Jazz Ensemble Concert - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Outdoor and Conservation Club Meeting- HSC 369
9:30 p.m. Seekers Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 20
M&W Swimming @ PAC Invitational (Grove City)
7:00 p.m. Bleasby Colloquium: Drs. Betsy Ford and Deb Mitchell - HSC 166
7:00 p.m. Young Republicans Meeting - PH 131
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir - Chapel
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Late Night - Down Under

Diversity Month Special

Jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald

by Elizabeth Adams
Senior Staff Writer

Ella Fitzgerald is sometimes called "The First Lady of Song." For more than half a century, Fitzgerald was the most popular female jazz singer in the United States, selling over forty millions albums and winning thirteen Grammy awards.

Fitzgerald worked with jazz legends Duke Ellington and Count Basie, and with other music stars Frank Sinatra and Benny Goodman.

Growing up in Newport News, Virginia, Fitzgerald came from humble but happy beginnings. Her father worked as a chauffer and dug ditches to support the family, while her mother worked at a laundry mat and catered. Fitzgerald took odd jobs while growing up to contribute money to the family, including a "runner" for neighborhood gamblers. She would pick up bets and deliver winnings.

In 1934 Fitzergerald's jazz career began to take off. After winning the opportunity to participate in a jazz club's amateur night, Fitzgerald first public song was Judy by Hoagy Carmichael. She obliged to her first encore on the same night, singing the Boswell Sister's hit Object of My Affections.

"Once up there I felt the acceptance and love from the audience," Fitzgerald said. "I knew I wanted to sing before people for the rest of my life."

Fitzgerald weathered much discrimination throughout her career. Her manager Norman Granz felt very strongly about civil rights and, regardless of their color, required equal treatment for his musicians. Once, while in Dallas touring for the Philharmonic, a police squad annoyed by Norman's principles barged backstage to harass the performers. They came into Ella's dressing room, where band members Dizzy Gillespie and Illinois Jacquet were shooting dice, and arrested everyone.

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"They took us down," Ella later recalled, "and then when we got there, they had the nerve to ask for an autograph."

Fitzgerald received much support from numerous fans, including Marilyn Monroe.

"I owe Marilyn Monroe a real debt," Ella later said. "It was because of her that I played the Mocambo, a very popular nightclub in the '50s. She personally called the owner of the Mocambo, and told him she wanted me booked immediately, and if he would do it, she would take a front table every night. The owner said yes, and Marilyn was there, front table, every night. The press went overboard. After that, I never had to play a small jazz club again."

On June 15, 1996, Ella Fitzgerald died in her Beverly Hills home. Hours later, a marquee outside the Hollywood Bowl theater read, "Ella, we will miss you."

Civil rights activist Rosa Parks

Contributed Photo

by Elizabeth Adams
Senior Staff Writer

Rosa Parks is known as the woman who helped ignite the 1960s civil rights movement.

In December of 1955, Parks refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a city bus. Her refusal led to her arrest and sparked a citywide boycott of the Montgomery, Alabama bus system by African Americans.

"Our mistreatment was just not right, and I was tired of it," Parks wrote in her book, Quiet Strength. "I kept thinking about my mother and my grandparents, and how strong they were. I knew there was a possibility of being mistreated, but an opportunity was being given to me to do what I had asked of others."

This boycott lasted more than a year, and from the conflict surrounding it a new face arose at the front of the civil rights movement, Martin Luther King, Jr.

As a result of Parks' refusal and the surrounding conflict, the U.S. Supreme Court made a decision to outlaw segregation on city buses. Over the next four decades the Alabama-born seamstress helped make Americans aware of the history of civil rights struggles.

Parks' is a recipient of many honors, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Nonviolent Peace prize, the Spingarn Medal, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor the U.S. government can give a civilian.

In a 1995 interview, Parks explained growing up in a segregated southern state.

"Back in Montgomery during my growing up, it was completely legally enforced racial segregation, and I struggled against it for a long time," Parks said. "I felt that it was not right to be deprived of freedom when we were living in the Home of the Brave and Land of the Free," Parks added.

A pioneer in the struggle for racial equality, Parks has been called the mother of the civil rights movement.

"When I refused to stand up for a white passenger to take the seat, I was not sitting in the front of the bus, as many people have said and neither was my feet hurting, as many people have said. But I made up my mind that I would not give in any longer to legally-imposed racial segregation," Parks said.

A few notes on firsts for the record books

by Elizabeth Adams
Senior Staff Writer

African American history is filled with breakthroughs and "firsts."

In August of 1983 Guion Bluford became the first African American to travel to space. Bluford served on a mission aboard the Challenger. He saw his journey into space as "another step forward" for African American equality. The first African American woman to travel in space was Mae Carol Jeminson, who was aboard space shuttle Endeavor in September of 1992.

The first full-length film directed by an African American was The Homesteader. The film, shot in 1919, was both written and directed by Oscar Micheaux and depicted the adventures of a black settler in the American West. Micheaux produced, wrote, and directed more than thirty films over the next three decades.

Tiger Woods was the first African and Asian American to win the Masters golf tournament. Woods also broke several tournament records, including youngest champion, lowest score for 72 holes, and widest margin of victory.

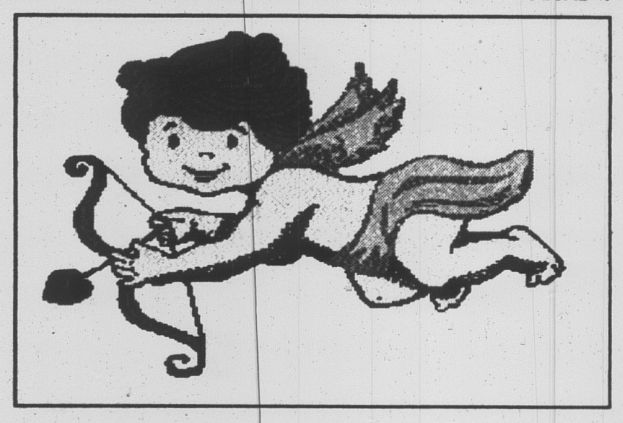
In 1989, Virginia elected the first African American governor, Douglas Wilder. Wilder, a democrat, was elected in a mostly-Caucasian conservative Virginia, in part due to his standing as a healer of racial discord and his moderate views on social policy.

Scholar and diplomat Ralph Bunche became the first African American to win the Nobel Peace prize in 1950 for his work as the architect of United Nations peacekeeping efforts in the Arab-Israeli War of 1948. In 1963, Bunche was awarded the nation's highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom.

Thurgood Marshall, civil rights lawyer, was the first African American justice on the Supreme Court of the United States in 1967. Marshall was known as a determined supporter for the rights of minorities and the poor. His victory in Brown v. Board of Education (1954) barred segregation in American public education.

In 2001, General Colin Powell became the first African American secretary of state; president George W. Bush appointed him. After a distinguished career as a military leader, Powell also became the first black officer to serve as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest military post in the country. Powell played a pivotal role in the Persian Gulf War and is currently performing diplomatic and military objectives for the current war-on-terrorism.

Holcad Lovey Dovey Valentines Day Notes



From: Amy
To: Sam
Happy Valentine's day baby! I LOVE YOU FOREVER!!

From: Feliz
To: Steve

Hey Babe. Thanks for being my Valentine! You make it so easy!!! *This much*

From: Kimberly
To: Brian Spead

Remember doing this? I thought we could make up for it! Happy V-day sweetheart. Love always.

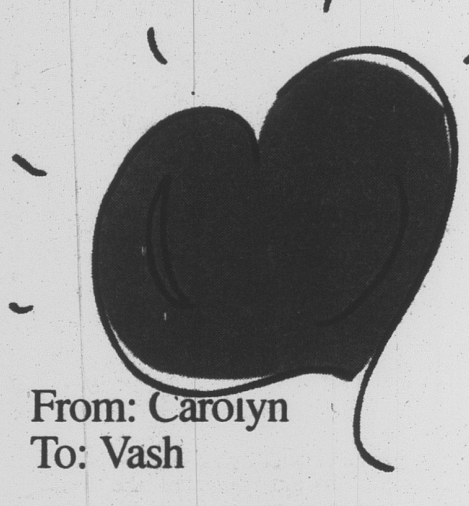
From: Stephanie
To: Jeremy
"In dreams and in love there are no impossibilities." Thank you for giving me both! Love always,.

From: Bonhed
To:Beautiful

Thank you so much for making every day Valentines day.

From: Jordan
To: Megan

Rose are red
Violets are blue
No matter what
I love you.



From: Carolyn
To: Vash

The moment I saw you, I knew your heart was true. Within your eyes lies this universe, and within this universe you hold my love.

From: Lorrie
To: Mike

For yesterday's memories, today's love, and tomorrow's dreams, I love you.

From: Dan
To: Alyssa

My love for you extends from the depth's of the oceans and is more bountiful than the stars in the sky.

From: Lindsey
To: Erin

Roomie-You rock my socks! Rose are red, violets are blue you're a spaz, but I still love you! Love, Linz

From: Erin
To: Lindsey

Linz-
You're the best roomie ever!
Love,
Ern

From: Kim To: Bryan
To my reason for living, the protector of my dreams, and the owner of my heart. Happy Valentine's Day! I love you, Bryan!

From: Marcus
To: Kacie

Hey Ma...what's up? I heart you that's what's up! I have since Day 1 and I always will. Happy V-Day Baby.

From: Mindy
To: Marshall
Happy Valentine's day Marshall. Thank you for making me the happiest girl in the world. You're my best friend and true love.

! W I N N E R !

From: Jeremy
To: Stephanie

Would of thought I would find the love of my life thanks to my ratty old shoes. I love you even more than those shoes.

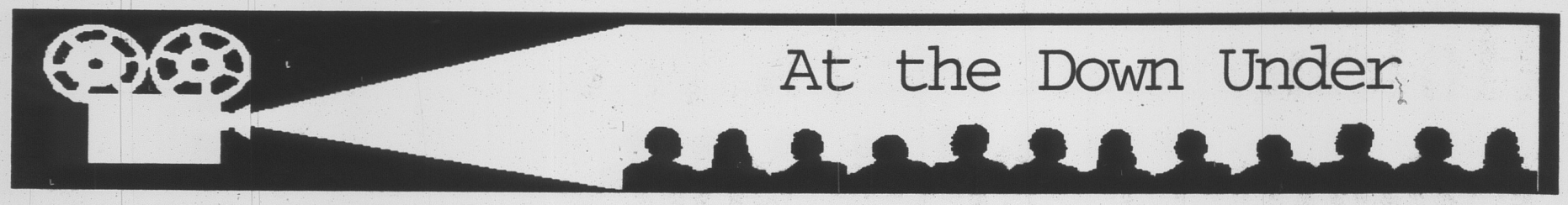
Winner was chosen at randomby drawing all applicable names out of a hat Some messages were edited for length.

From: Aaron
To: Tandi

"Looking in your eyes,
seeing all I need,
Everything you are is everything to me."
-Edwin McCain
Happy Valentine's Day Tandi

From: Beautiful
To: Bonhed

Keep this message with you as a constant reminder that you are loved. Sending my best "huggers," Beautiful



Friday: Closed for Mardi Gras

Saturday: Movie - "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," 8pm
Night Owl Bowling

Sunday: Movie - "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," 9pm

As always free pop, popcorn, and cappuccino.

Weekly Events:

Late Nights
Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays
10pm-2am

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Greek speaker: "Buy in or Get Out"

by Amanda Stano
Staff Writer

Orr auditorium was an array of emotions on Feb. 11 when David Stollman spoke about Greek life. Instead of promoting fraternities and sororities, Stollman talked about the problems of being Greek.

All fraternities and sororities plus the IFC sponsored this event. Stollman, a Sigma Phi Epsilon member, is in charge of over 250 campus workshops for Greek life.

"I work with them cause I believe in them. I am critical because I think they can be better," Stollman said.

"Fraternities and sororities are a great thing on campuses, but they do have negative stereotypes that we need to start improving," said sophomore Alpha Gamma Delta Amy Hoch.

Junior Alpha Sigma Phi David Didesiderio agreed. "Many times, fraternities and sororities are portrayed as being negative, but that is not always true," Didesiderio said. "Greeks do a lot to benefit their philanthropies."

There are 9 million members total in Greek organizations around the country. They have a higher graduation rate, and the alumni give more and are more active in their colleges.

"I think it's beneficial for people to join Greek life because it gives them the opportunity to give back to the community that independents are not able to," said sophomore Zeta Tau Alpha Julie Stolze.

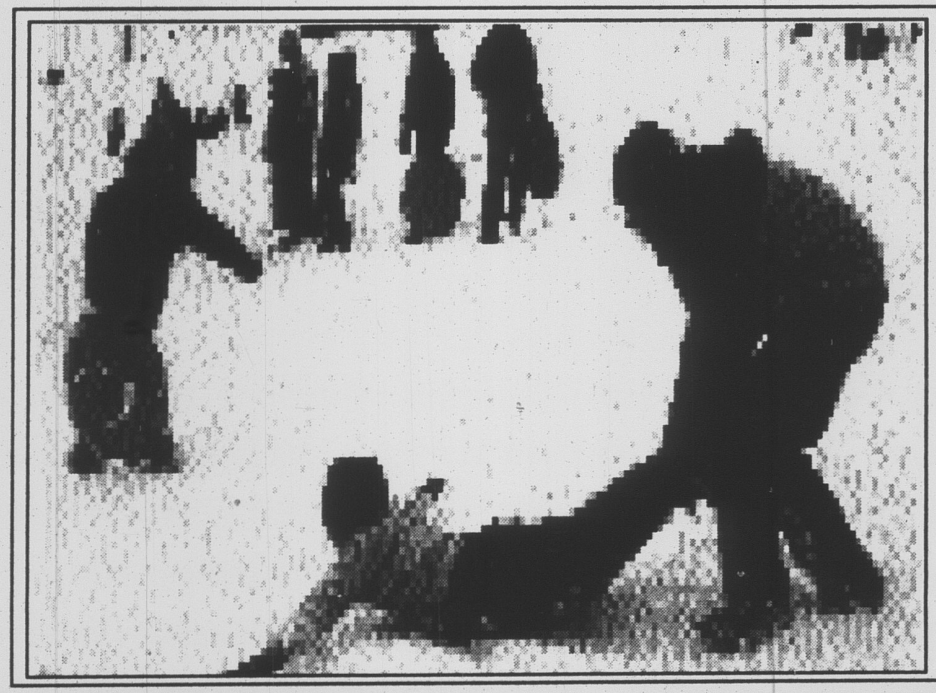
"I'm pretty blunt. I think fraternities and sororities are the best things on campus," Stollman said. "There is room to be better. Being Greek is a privilege."

Although Greek life has benefits, there are still a few problems that each fraternity and sorority must overcome. Alcohol is a big problem for college students. About 2.1 million students between 18-24 died last year due to alcohol.

"These students are dying because brothers and sisters let them," Stollman said.

Although alcohol is a major issue, other problems exist. "[Greeks should have] more support for each others' fundraising events. Everyone is so competitive they don't want to help each other," said junior Zeta Tau Alpha Sara Ialongo.

Honoring the true founders is how Stollman suggests all Greeks should live. "It's a privilege [to be Greek]. We earn it everyday, we wear our letters in our heart."



Snow Day

Westminster students, along with students from many other area schools, had a flashback to high school this past Monday. For the first time in over twenty years, the college canceled classes due to extreme weather conditions and a state of emergency.

Students used the day to catch up on sleep, get ahead in their work, or recapture a bit of the nostalgia from their childhood.

Classes resumed as normal the following Tuesday.

Slippery Rock University was the only state school to still have classes last Monday.

photo contributed by **Pat Sandora**

Halpin elected National VP of honor society

by Lauren Thompson
Staff Writer

Erin Halpin, a junior, has been elected to the position of National Vice President of Lambda Pi Eta.

Lambda Pi Eta is the National Speech Communications Honor Society. The society's members primarily consist of speech and broadcast communications majors. Halpin, a speech communications major and theater minor, was asked to participate in the society this past fall. Halpin will be inducted into Lambda Pi Eta in March.

So how did Halpin get elected as National Vice President without even being inducted yet? Halpin received an email earlier this year from Colleen Deisler, campus advisor for Lambda Pi Eta, notifying her of her qualifications for the society. Qualifications consist of at least a 3.5 QPA or higher and a required amount of credit hours. She sent in her transcripts and then was accepted into the society.

Deisler later attended a convention in New Orleans where the elections for the new National Board were being held. Deisler presented Halpin's outstanding credentials, future plans and tentative goals. Even without Halpin's presence, she was still elected to the position of National Vice President. Not only was this a huge honor for Halpin, but she was the only person not in attendance to receive a position.

Now heading 367 chapters, Halpin will be working closely with the society's new president. She has a num-

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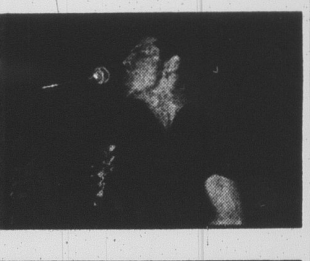

Friday: Rain/Snow high 30° low 28°

Saturday: Cloudy high 39° low 31°

Sunday: Cloudy high 42° low 33°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Gospel show celebrates Diversity Month

by Tandi Lane
Staff Writer

An inspiring collection of song and dance was showcased last Thursday at the Gospel program, "Your Arms Too Short to Box with God."

The program told the story of Christ through song and dance while entertaining the audience with colorful costumes and a lively performance. The star of the program was Grammy Award winning Cissy Houston, mother of famous singer Whitney Houston. She did not stay on the stage the whole show like most of the performers, but the crowd clapped and shouted when she did come on. Houston enjoyed the attention because the performers encouraged the audience to participate in the program by clapping, singing, dancing, and praising the Lord.

Although this was an on campus event and admission was free to the Westminster community, a lot of the people who came were from other cities and towns such as New Castle, Sharon and Youngstown.

Sophomore Beth Grubbs enjoyed the performance, although she was expecting more of a concert. The performance was actually a Gospel Broadway show. "I loved this! Gospel music is great and inspiring. It makes you want to get up and praise God! I was sitting next to Devayani Wintrode and I noticed she was tapping her foot to the music during the entire performance," she said. "I think that Diversity Services should sponsor more programs like this in the future because the audience really enjoys it."

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During the fifteen minute intermission, Diversity Services Director Jeannette Hooks introduced the students that take part in Diversity Services. They all came up on stage and announced the winners of their fundraiser or raffle. The second-place winner who failed to claim the prize won a stereo. The first place winner of a nineteen-inch color television was Dr. Timothy Cuff.

Every year Diversity Services sponsors a show to celebrate Black History Month. Houston won the Grammy in the "Best Traditional Soul Gospel Album" category in 1997. She has starred in various off-Broadway shows and has shared the silver screen with daughter Whitney and actor Denzel Washington in "The Preacher's Wife."

The Diversity Services department wanted to show the community that Westminster is concerned with displaying cultural diversity and they knew that a star such as Houston would bring in a diverse crowd of people. The department met its goal. Nine hundred people, 80% of which were from surrounding communities off campus, gathered to listen and watch the performance.

Secretary of the Diversity Services department Kara Lee Mantinaos thought the show was a beneficial one because it showed that our campus has the desire to create a diverse community. "We want students of different races and backgrounds to feel comfortable at Westminster, that is why we strive to sponsor events that display our campus as an accepting, diverse world," she said.

Pass/Fail courses offered to juniors and seniors

by Mike Mackin
Staff Writer

Taking a full, four-credit course and not getting a grade for it may not seem too appealing, but some juniors and seniors might disagree.

Westminster offers juniors and seniors courses known as "pass/fail" courses. The technical name for these courses are "Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory" (S/U). Qualified students can request to take a pass/fail course outside their major or minor, as long as it is not an IP course. The course cannot meet any graduation requirement needed for the student; it must be a general elective course. Once a student has chosen a course, a form must be filled out during registration or during the add/drop period. The form needs to be approved at the Registrar's office to verify the class as an S/U course.

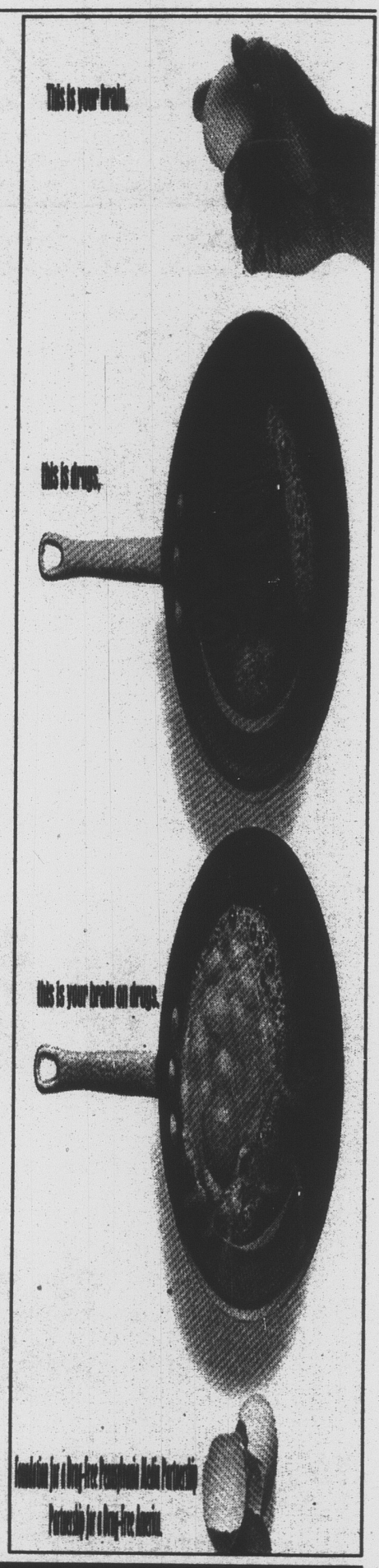
Once a student chooses to take a course as pass/fail, he or she cannot change it back. This can be a major disadvantage because the pass/fail courses do not affect a student's GPA in any way; the courses are only used for credit hours. Neither an S grade nor a U grade is counted in a student's GPA and cannot be changed into a letter grade at any time. Therefore, if students are getting an "A" in a course, they cannot change it back to a regular credited and graded course to boost their GPA. However, if students are receiving a "C-", they receive the same credit as if they would obtain an "A."

There is an advantage of taking a pass/fail course, too. Seniors may be busy with other graduation requirements like internships and capstones. Therefore, they may not have the time to put forth much effort in a class to receive an "A." If they take a pass/fail course, they can put forth just enough effort to receive the full credits for the course.

"I took a pass/fail course this semester because with 18 credits, I knew I would have a lot of work to do for my other classes," senior, Samor Himes said.

The student handbook states that for an S/U course, the S grade (satisfactory) represents work of at least "C-" quality, while the U (unsatisfactory) symbolizing work of D+ or lower quality. A student can take only one S/U course per academic year.

Registrar, June Garner, thinks that this is an excellent opportunity for seniors to seize. "This is a great option for juniors and seniors to have, especially seniors, because it can help take pressure off of them in their final year," she said.



It's Real.

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It is an unbearable nothingness

IT'S DEPRESSION.

It has a biological explanation.
It Strikes 1 in 10 Americans

It injects you with negativity.

It pulls you away from the world you once knew

IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS

It's onset can be so subtle you don't notice it.

IT CAN KILL YOU
IF YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE IT.

...treatment for it is very successful

#1 Cause of Suicide
UNTREATED DEPRESSION

Public Service message from SAVE (Suicide Awareness Voices of Education) http://www.save.o

Improper contact lens care may result in serious eye problems

by Kimberly Klappert
Staff Writer

Failure to properly clean contact lenses may result in serious eye problems.

According to Optometric Assistant Tammy Redmond, of New Wilmington Eye Care, cleaning and care of contact lenses is vital for eye health. Improper care for contact lenses, and neglecting to take them out before sleeping can result in major eye complications.

"There are some lenses that are made to be worn all night," Redmond said. "However, most lenses have to breathe properly or cornea abrasions and cornea ulcers will occur when the eye is not getting enough oxygen."

Redmond says that the Food and Drug Administration only approves the life of contact lens for a certain amount of time. Each type of contact lens has a different expiration date. If the lenses are worn overnight, not cleaned or over-worn, it can shorten how long they will last. She suggests that contact lenses never be worn longer than the eye care practitioner has recommended.

According to a health web site, www.webhealthcentre.com, improper care of contact lenses can cause mild to serious eye problems. The site claims that the "lack of care and cleaning or improper cleaning of your contact lenses will lead to the build-up of protein deposits, dirt, debris, germs and microorganisms on your lenses, and apart from eye irritation may cause red eye, discomfort, cloudy vision and in severe cases, impaired vision."

Cleaning contact lenses with solution is a daily part of contact lens care. Rubbing lenses in solution breaks down protein build-up, dirt and debris. "Never go without contact cleaning solution," Redmond said. "You cannot keep lenses in water because it lacks the chemicals to keep your lenses sterile."

If handling contacts while cleaning is difficult, Redmond suggests using a no-rub contact lens solution with a protein breakdown agent. Contacts can be placed in no-rub solution without having to be rubbed by fingers.

For those who have difficulty remembering to care for their contact lenses, Redmond recommends purchasing daily disposable lenses that can be thrown out at the end of the day.

Louise Nicholson, international student, prefers the freedom that comes with daily disposable lenses. "I didn't like the whole idea of monthly disposable contacts and it was a hassle," she said. "Being able to throw them away every night is better."

Maintaining clean lenses contributes to eye health and can be done by following these guidelines found on the Health Centre web page:

-Wash and rinse hands before handling lens.

-Handle lens with fingertips, avoiding fingernails.

-Lightly rub lens in solution in palm of hand for 10 seconds.

-Flush contact with fresh solution before placing in eye.

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ber of goals she desires to reach, plans to implement and changes to make. Her biggest duty as Vice President will be flying to Miami, Fl. in November for the next national convention. There she will preside with the newly elected president. "After the convention you can do as much or as little with the position as you choose. I hope that the newly elected president wants to become very involved. I have a lot I would like to do with the society," Halpin said.

The society is fairly new to Westminster's campus; gaining its charter only three years ago. The chapter was brought here by Dr. Cary Horvath. With Dr. Horvath's recent departure, the society's new advisor is Mrs. Colleen Deisler. At this point in time, Westminster's chapter is still in the building process with only ten members. It is working toward additional funding.

Halpin will soon be running for a position in Westminster's chapter. Halpin, along with the other members of Westminster's campus, has a lot of ideas for the new society. Some of them include creating an annual scholarship in honor of Dr. Scheid, a former, well-respected professor of Westminster. The society would also like to sponsor guest speakers and mentors to shadow and assist with internships. Lambda Pi Eta would like to educate more students on career opportunities in the field of speech communications, reward scholastic achievement and create a contact book of graduates in the field to aid undergraduates in obtaining connections and jobs.

Peace rally to "Storm the Castle" tomorrow

by Lyndsay Smith
Staff Writer

Tomorrow an anti-war protest will be held in downtown New Castle.

It will begin with people speaking on the corner of Jefferson and East Washington Streets at 2 p.m., followed by a march that will proceed around the town. It will end back at the starting point with a few more speakers to give their closing statements.

Speakers include New Castle City Council member and George Washington School Principal Mark Elisco, a representative from the Thomas Merton Center Anti-War committee, members of the Southwestern Pa. Green Party, and Westminster professor, Dr. Gary Lilly, a Vietnam veteran and chair of the Political Science and Sociology department.

Protests have been organized all over the world as people express their feelings on war. This specific event in New Castle, being dubbed as "Storm the Castle," was born right here on campus.

It all began with juniors and active members of the Green Party, Ken Jae and Isaac Ludwig. They came up with the idea and thought, "why not?" So they took action and brought that idea to life.

"This sort of anti-war movement hasn't happened in our country since Vietnam," Jae said.

He wanted to take the initiative to create more awareness in our area. Jae and Ludwig began to e-mail multiple organizations from surrounding colleges to see if people would be interested. Then they made their way to the New Castle municipal building to get a permit to march, which first had to be approved by the police chief and finally the mayor.

"Even if people are not sure where they stand on the issue of war, they should understand that protests are a great way of getting the message out and influencing people in a positive way," Ludwig said.

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Isaac Ludwig and Ken Jae brought the idea of "Storm the Castle" to life

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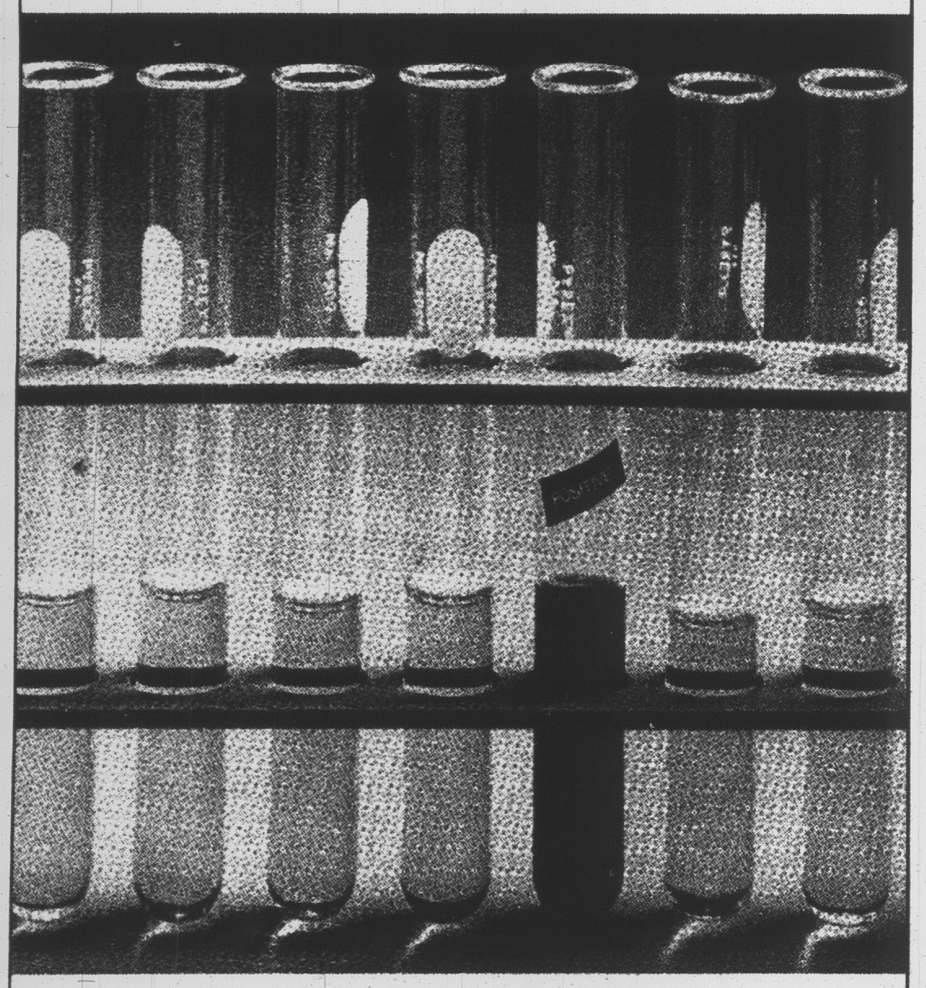

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Students inducted into Who's Who program

by Melissa Logan
Staff Writer

In recognition of their academic and leadership achievements, Westminster inducted 42 juniors and seniors into the 2002-03 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Who's Who is celebrated annually on 2,300 college campuses to honor students who demonstrate above average academic standings and devotion to community service, leadership, and continued success.

"When considering the other great people nominated for this award, I feel that being one of the 42 inducted is a tremendous honor," said new member and junior Ashley Mondale.

The selection process involved multiple steps. Over 65 students were initially applicable for the award including those with a 3.2 cumulative GPA and dedication to numerous extra-curricular activities. The qualified students completed and returned the application to the SGA Special Events Committee. "The Committee selected 42 students to represent the college based on their campus involvement including activities and community service," said senior Carolee Reed, special events committee chair.

A reception was held Feb.12 at 4:30 p.m. in Russell Hall Dining Room to honor the students. Guests were also encouraged to invite an influential faculty member.

"It was nice to see faculty there and not just professors," said new member and junior Devi Wintrode.

"Some inductees took faculty in administrative roles. This shows what an awesome staff Westminster has and their potential impact on students."

Reed addressed those in attendance.

She explained the nomination process and background of Who's Who. Coach Rob Klamut, selection committee chair, offered his congratulations and handshake to each inductee when receiving their certificate.

President R. Thomas Williamson recognized the inductees' accomplishments as well.

"I now urge you to continue with your success by encouraging those around you to meet the challenges before them," he said. "Encourage your fellow man to dedicate themselves as you have done."

A complete list of Who's Who inductees is available in the Westminster Weekly Jan. 22, 2003 edition.

Your Student Government Association

by Erika Hink
Contributing Writer

Here's what's going on this week with your SGA:

Slate elections will take place March 4 - 6. The debate will be on Sunday, March 2 at 8:30 in Orr Auditorium. Anyone who has questions to be asked in the debate can send them to sga@westminster.edu. Please put "Debate Question" as the subject.

SGA will be discussing options for new stations on channel 9. For instance, we used to have E! and now it is PCN.

Due to many different reasons, the Board of Trustees approved a 6.9% tuition increase for next year. However, Westminster is still one of the most affordable liberal arts colleges in the nation.

In Faculty Standing Committee reports: SLAC met last week and approved Kappa Delta, Dance Theatre, Allies, and Young Republicans.

The following people were elected to fill positions on the committees and boards: College Appeals Board - Ian Durham, Curriculum Operations Committee - Ian Durham and Colter McElree, Institutional Research Review Committee - Kurtis Gills and Russ Mills, Instructional Resources Council - Jess Rummel, Outcomes Assessment Advisory Council - Chris Cronin, and Student Publications Board - Brian Moorhead. Congratulations to all!

Dean Lechner was at the meeting to discuss campus parking issues with the senate. He said that they are trying to come up with solutions to the parking problems and he made many recommendations including: increasing the parking fine for those parking in handicap spaces to a minimum of $50. Increasing the fine for those parking on campus without a decal to $30. If a student accumulates five or more tickets without having a decal or ten or more with a decal any time during the academic year, he will be banned from parking on campus. After that, the car will be towed on sight.

Other suggestions were - decreasing the commuter decal fee to $20, banning off-campus residents with commuter decals from parking in lots overnight, not selling more decals per residence hall than there are spaces available, and making parking regulations applicable to students and faculty alike.

Lechner also said that some of the new buildings took up parking spaces, and that over the next few years, more lots will be made. There are available spaces all over campus, but people don't use them because they want a parking space that is closest to their dorm.

Some possibilities of new parking lot spaces are: the grassy area next to Physical Plant for residents of Ferguson and Brown, expanding Eichenauer and Russell into the practice field and connecting the two lots, and adding more spaces by Hillside and Jeffers.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues, please email sga@westminster.edu with "Parking Concerns" in the subject line.

This weekend in the Down Under: J.T.'s Café at 10 on Friday, the movie "Signs" at 8 on Saturday and again at 9 on Sunday.

There are also still tickets available for the Penguins game this Sunday. Tickets are $10 - contact Carolee Reed if you are interested.

Finally, as always, the weekly SGA meetings are open to the entire campus community. Please join us next Wednesday at 7pm in Patterson 311/312.

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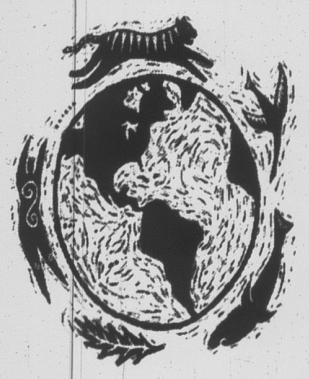

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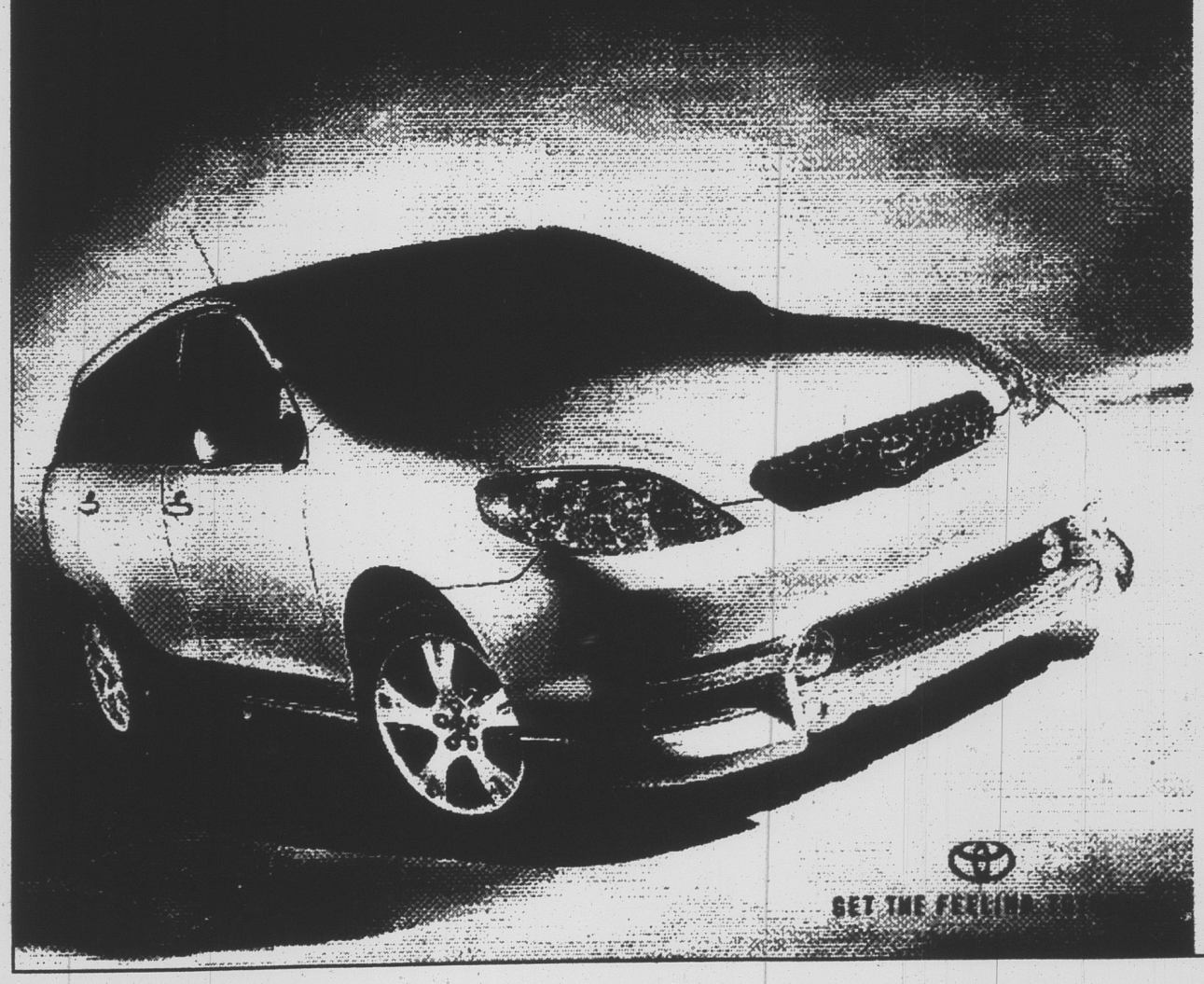

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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Democrat helps conservative locals with environment

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) Kathleen McGinty, a onetime top environmental adviser to former President Bill Clinton who has worked in Washington since the 1980s, professes confidence that she can work with the Republicans who control Pennsylvania's General Assembly.

A Philadelphia native tapped by Gov. Ed Rendell to head the state Department of Environmental Protection, McGinty is busy these days paying personal visits to the senators who will decide whether she should be confirmed.

"I think that I am getting a very fair shake by the leadership in this Legislature," McGinty said in an interview Thursday with The Associated Press.

Republican senators say they are keeping an open mind about McGinty, but some harbor reservations about her record. None would be specific about their concerns, save Sen. Mary Jo White, chairwoman of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, which will hold McGinty's confirmation hearing.

At issue are instances when Clinton's environmental policies - like establishing a huge national monument in Utah in 1996 that shut down mining prospects there - were done without the approval of a GOP-led Congress or governors, said White, R-Venango.

Protecting the declining coal, timber, oil and gas industries in her largely rural northwest district are among White's concerns, she said.

"We're struggling and the last thing we need is to put what business we have left at risk, or certainly at a competitive disadvantage with other states," said White.

McGinty has won over other senators more quickly.

"She has Pennsylvania roots and she knows the state and I told her that I was going to vote for her," said Sen. Stewart Greenleaf, a Montgomery County Republican.

As Clinton's chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality and his chief adviser on climate change and sustainable development, one of McGinty's roles was building consensus within the Democratic administration for environmental policies.

McGinty, 39, began her political career in the late 1980s as a legislative aide for then-U.S. Sen. Al Gore. She was his top environmental adviser in his 2000 campaign for president - many expected her to become Gore's chief at the Environmental Protection Agency, had he won - and remains close to him.

In an interview, McGinty, the ninth of 10 children of a now-retired Philadelphia police officer, stressed her background as a chemistry major at Saint Joseph's University and a researcher in the chemical industry.

McGinty, who is married and has three young daughters, also has a law degree from Columbia University.

Her chief aims as DEP secretary, she said, are to clean up contaminated sites and encourage business development there; promote the development and use of nonpolluting technology; and reduce the cost of environmental regulation while improving air and water quality.

"What I want to roll my sleeves up and look at a lot more closely is how we can take some very creative and innovative approaches to meeting some of those challenges," McGinty said.

She hasn't been shy.

Six days into the new administration, she filed a lawsuit over new federal rules that would make it easier for industrial plants and refineries to modernize without having to buy expensive pollution controls.

She also noticed the state has not been on record as calling for more federal funds to reclaim abandoned mines - Pennsylvania has the most in the nation, she said - and plans to correct that.

On Clinton's environmental stances, McGinty was often out front. When the federal Environmental Protection Agency was pushing for stricter clean-air rules, McGinty tried to find ways to make the rules more flexible at the local level and, hence, more widely palatable.

When heavy industry protested pollution penalties, McGinty helped develop a program in which companies could escape fines if they volunteered information about their violations, then fixed them, said Eric Schaeffer, a former EPA chief of regulatory enforcement.

"She is not a status-quo bureaucrat," Schaeffer said.

If McGinty isn't publicly concerned about her confirmation, the Rendell administration is worried about rumors about her record swirling around Harrisburg, Rendell spokesman Ken Snyder said. He said, however, that the administration stands by the nominee and believes she will "acquit herself well before members of the Senate."

Nick DeBenedictis, the chairman of the Philadelphia Suburban Water Co. and a former Department of Environmental Resources secretary, noted that the Clinton label on McGinty has carried baggage with it.

"I think if an environmentalist had been picked," he said, "it wouldn't have caused as much consternation in Harrisburg as (the label) 'Clinton adviser'."

Regional Briefs

Fatal crash involves a dozen vehicles on Rt. 581

CAMP HILL, Pa. (AP) A crash involving almost a dozen cars and trucks killed a woman and injured others along state Route 581 in Cumberland County on Tuesday, state police said.

The 12:41 p.m. accident happened when a tractor trailer collided with several cars after traffic had slowed for a previous crash. The resulting chain reaction involved nine cars and two tractor-trailers, state police in Harrisburg said.

Kelly Hilda Alvarez, 23, of Wormleysburg, a passenger in a Ford Taurus sedan who was wearing a seat belt, was killed, police said.

Other injured persons were taken to Hershey Medical Center, Carlisle Hospital, Harrisburg Hospital and Holy Spirit Hospital, police said.

The accident, which happened near the interchange with U.S. Routes 11 and 15 in Camp Hill, closed Route 581 from the I-83 split for about six hours. State police were investigating.

Boy throws chunk of ice from bridge, kills woman

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) A 15-year-old Allentown boy accused of throwing a chunk of ice from a bridge that killed a woman in a minivan wants his murder case heard in juvenile court.

The lawyer for Dennis Gumbs filed a request in court Tuesday asking that Gumbs not be tried as an adult.

A hearing is scheduled for March 31.

Gumbs is charged with homicide for allegedly dropping a block of ice from an overpass onto a minivan that killed a 33-year-old Berks County mother.

At a previous hearing, a teenage friend of Gumbs said he saw Gumbs throw the ice from a Route 22 overpass in Whitehall Township on Jan. 3. The ice crashed through the windshield and struck Elaine Cowell's chest.

Gumbs is charged with homicide, propulsion of missiles into an occupied vehicle and reckless endangerment.

He remains free on bail.

KKK member attempts to blow up abortion clinics

PITTSBURGH (AP) A Ku Klux Klan member charged with making explosives planned to blow up abortion clinics and told an informant he altered his car into a ``suicide bomb on wheels,'' prosecutors said Tuesday.

David Hull, 40, was arrested at his home last week and charged with possessing, manufacturing and transferring a pipe bomb. He was being held without bond; a hearing was scheduled for Wednesday.

Federal prosecutors filed court papers Tuesday accusing Hull of intending to buy hand grenades to blow up abortion clinics and handing a disassembled pipe bomb to an informant.

Hull also told the informant in January that he had altered his car to become a "suicide bomb on wheels," authorities said.

During Tuesday's hearing, defense attorney Khadija Diggs suggested Hull was the victim of entrapment and noted that while he handed the informant bomb parts, it was not assembled. He declined comment after the hearing.

Lawsuit against county commissioners dismissed

SMETHPORT, Pa. (AP) A lawsuit by a man who accused McKean County commissioners of having violated the Pennsylvania constitution by approving salary increases for county officials and accepting raises has been dismissed.

Bill Belitskus maintained that the commissioners violated a section saying that "No law shall extend the term of any public officer, or increase or diminish his salary or emoluments, after his election or appointment."

Clarion County Judge Charles Alexander said the commissioners did nothing wrong in following the policy for raises implemented by a previous administration in 1982. The policy linked raises to the federal Consumer Price Index.

Alexander ruled that the changes in salaries during previous administrations "...were not laws within the meaning of this constitutional provision."

In his 2001 suit, Belitskus demanded that the present commissioners be ordered to repay the salaries they had approved for elected officials. He declined to comment Tuesday, saying he and his attorney had not seen the ruling.

Refugee caught, convicted

ALTOONA, Pa. (AP) A man who was convicted in absentia after fleeing before trial on drug charges has been returned to Pennsylvania to begin serving his sentence.

Omari Washington, 21, of Baltimore, was arrested delivering cocaine and heroin to an Altoona house in August 2001.

He fled just before his trial was to begin last August and Blair County authorities reported in January that he had been arrested in Baltimore for a traffic violation. He was returned to Blair County and began serving the 11- to 22-year state prison sentence last week, authorities said.

NATIONAL

Planned Parenthood uses AIDS funding to pay for abortions

WASHINGTON (AP) By restricting the use of federal AIDS-fighting money by organizations that promote or perform abortions overseas, President Bush is trying to balance his firm anti-abortion policies with his new commitment to battle the AIDS epidemic.

Under the policy, such organizations' family planning operations would be prohibited from involvement in anti-AIDS work.

The plan drew praise Saturday from anti-abortion forces, but groups that advocate abortion rights and provide health services in poor countries were angry. "They're placing a gag rule on health organizations," said Kirsten Sherk, spokeswoman for international programs at Planned Parenthood.

Outlined by a senior White House official and in a State Department memo, the policy deals with disbursement of federal money under Bush's proposed new $15 billion global AIDS relief program to social service agencies that promote or perform abortions. To receive the money, they would have to administer AIDS programs separately from family planning, the official said.

Not all the conditions for acceptable compliance were immediately clear.

AIDS and birth control programs run by an organization in different countries probably would meet the test if the program finances were separate, the official said. Also probably OK would be a group's programs operated at distinct sites in a single country.

The intent is to ensure that abortion services receive no new money, a position demanded by abortion rights opponents, who are strong Bush supporters.

As one of the first acts of his presidency, Bush reinstated the so-called "Mexico City policy" that President Clinton had reversed to allow unrestricted U.S. funding for overseas population control programs. The "Mexico City policy," first implemented by President Reagan in 1984 at a population conference there, bars U.S. money from international groups that support abortion, even with their own money, through direct services, counseling or lobbying activities.

The White House official described the new policy as consistent with Bush's anti-abortion position while still focusing on his goal of fighting AIDS.

Douglas Johnson, legislative director for the National Right to Life Committee, said the policy is a positive step because it would make sure that U.S. aid would not be used to encourage HIV-infected pregnant women to have abortions.

But Planned Parenthood's Sherk argued the policy is unworkable. Women, especially in poor countries, are unlikely to visit separate facilities to meet different health care needs. Additionally, the costs of setting up separate facilities would be prohibitive for cash-strapped nongovernmental organizations.

Reflecting that divide, a memo to Secretary of State Colin Powell from a top aide on Tuesday, titled "Your Meeting with the President regarding the Mexico City Policy and U.S. funding for AIDS assistance," predicted "great controversy" on Capitol Hill.

"Hill conservatives will not support a policy that provides carve-out for HIV/AIDS projects performed by foreign NGOs who also perform abortions or support abortion policies," the memo said. "Moderate and liberal members of both sides of the aisle will support such a carve-out."

President Bush shrugs off global anti-war protests

WASHINGTON (AP) President George W. Bush is shrugging off global anti-war protests, saying his role as a leader is to put national security first and confront Saddam Hussein.

Yet the size of the protests, drawing millions to the streets of world capitals last weekend, complicated White House efforts to rally world support for disarming the Iraqi leader.

The administration mounted a public relations campaign Tuesday in an effort to liken the protests to demonstrations against NATO's staging of missiles in Germany in the early 1980s - rather than to the massive protests against the Vietnam War three decades ago.

"I respectfully disagree" with those who doubt that Saddam is a threat to peace, Bush said. "I owe it to the American people to secure this country. I will do so."

The weekend demonstrations, the largest anti-war protests since the Vietnam era, presented an unwelcome distraction to the White House as it joined with Britain in pressing for a new Iraq war resolution before the U.N. Security Council. More demonstrations are scheduled for March 1 in Washington and San Francisco.

"These marches are 1983 all over again," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said, referring to angry street protests against NATO's positioning of intermediate-range missiles in what was then West Germany.

In that case, the missiles helped contribute to the collapse of the Soviet Union, the end of the Cold War and the reunification of Germany, Fleischer suggested.

"There is no question that, as a result of peace through strength, communism was defeated and the Berlin Wall came down," Fleischer said.

"The point I'm making is that mass street protests don't always lead to the results people think," the spokesman added. "Often the message of the protesters is contradicted by history."

He also noted that there was substantial anti-war sentiment in the United States in the late 1930s and early 1940s, but that President Franklin D. Roosevelt rallied the U.S. public in World War II "to save the world."

Historians and analysts suggested that the recent demonstrations are not really comparable to those against the Vietnam War - held as the war was going on and as thousands of Americans and hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese were losing their lives.

Such protests "are not going to have the same policy implications as Vietnam, because this war is going to be over fast even if it goes badly," said Michael O'Hanlon, an analyst with the Brookings Institution. "So you're not going to have that sense of a protracted military stalemate."

As with those missile protests in Europe, the current demonstrations are "serious but ultimately containable," O'Hanlon said. Even so, he said, the missiles-in-Germany flap "had the potential to really divide the alliance. And it took a lot of work to get beyond it."

At the very least, O'Hanlon said, the level of global opposition now to war in Iraq makes it harder for Bush to press ahead with military action anytime soon.

Bush talked about the protests in a question-and-answer session Tuesday with reporters after a White House swearing-in ceremony for new Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman William H. Donaldson.

"Democracy is a beautiful thing," Bush said. "I welcome people's right to say what they believe."

But he said neither the size of the protests nor the anti-war message of the demonstrators would sway him.

—National Briefs

Couple accused for trying to sell their child

DANVILLE, Ky. (AP) A Boyle County grand jury indicted a Somerset couple, alleging they attempted to sell their child.

Anthony Wayne Hart, 38, and Kathy Lee Hart, 35, were charged with committing the offense of prohibited acts and practices in the adoption of children when they allegedly demanded and accepted payment in exchange for the adoption of their child on Nov. 30, according to the indictment issued last week.

District Judge Harold S. Burks made the decision for the case to be heard by the grand jury after Kentucky State Police Trooper Mark Young testified that the couple asked for and accepted $3,000 as payment for their 3-month-old baby from a couple in Anderson County.

The Harts were arrested outside the Danville Wal-Mart SuperCenter after a sting operation. The $3,000 was supplied by state police, Young said.

Tavern fights village board to keep topless dancing

HADAR, Neb. (AP) The owner of Bud's Bar is fighting the village board's attempt to shut down topless dancing at his tavern.

A motion to throw out two misdemeanor charges was filed Tuesday in Pierce County Court by Melissa Wentling, the attorney for bar owner Jeff Leo of Norfolk. She contends the village ordinances banning public nudity and requiring screened windows are unreasonable, arbitrary and violate the U.S. Constitution.

The ordinances illegally target Leo's bar and they violates his right to freedom of expression and speech, Wentling argued.

The village of Hadar also is seeking a court injunction to stop the dancing.

Leo bought the bar last year and recently added topless entertainment, which drew protests from many residents.

In January, the village board unanimously approved the ordinances that specifically target topless dancing.

Fishing vessel sinks

ANCHORAGE (AP) A 42-foot fishing vessel sank Tuesday morning in Wells Bay in northcentral Prince William Sound, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

Two people aboard the vessel, the Myra Jean, had abandoned it for a skiff and were later picked up by the crew of another fishing vessel, the agency said.

The rescuers, aboard the vessel Anna Lee, were related to those on the Myra Jean, said Coast Guard Lt. Michele Schallip.

Both vessels were homeported in Tatitlik, about 20 miles south of Valdez, Schallip said. The cause of the sinking was unavailable.

Andrew Allen of Cordova, aboard the Myra Jean, was injured and taken to the Cordova hospital, said Myra Allen, his wife.

"My husband got banged up," she said by phone. She declined to offer additional details.

One of those aboard the Anna Lee was David Totemoff Sr., said Lisa Totemoff, his wife. Andrew Allen and Phillip Allen Jr. were setting shrimp pots, Lisa Totemoff said.

The Coast Guard received a mayday call from the Myra Jean at about 10 a.m., Schallip said. A Coast Guard helicopter launched from Kodiak but turned back when a C-130 Hercules and two H-60 Pavehawk helicopters launched from Kulis Air Guard Base in Anchorage, closer to the site of the sinking 31 miles southwest of Valdez.

But those aircraft also turned back when the Myra Jean's crew was picked up, Schallip said.

INTERNATIONAL

Death toll in Thailand's war on drugs is growing

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) The death toll in Thailand's war on drugs is growing, and so too is criticism among human rights groups and the relatives of the dead that police are pursuing the task too zealously.

Worried about the massive flow of the stimulant methamphetamine from neighboring Myanmar, the government launched a three-month war on drugs Feb. 1. Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra promised to cleanse the country of drugs, highly unlikely given the vast sums of money and deeply rooted networks in the drug trade.

The campaign - in which at least 12 people have been killed by police so far - has attracted criticism from the political opposition and human rights activists who say the police are using a "shoot-to-kill" strategy.

"Police should not take the law into their own hands. They should arrest and try suspects. This way, court testimony or police investigations will lead to the arrest of the big fish," opposition leader and former Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai told reporters. "Shoot-to-kill is a measure used by authoritarian governments not an elected democracy."

Police say they have also arrested 7,000 suspected dealers, seized 4.2 million methamphetamine pills and confiscated 15 million US$350,000 in cash and assets in drug-related cases.

With drugs seeping into schools and even Buddhist monasteries, mostly flowing in from neighboring Myanmar, the campaign has strong public support. But some families say police are far too quick to pull the trigger.

"Come and see our house and how we live. How could a poor family like ours be drug sellers?" asked the daughter of a suspected narcotics dealer shot dead by police in the central Thailand town of Suphanburi. She gave a false name, Da.

The man was one of 91 people police say have been killed during the 12 days of the drug war so far, mostly in gang hits.

Police department spokesman Maj. Gen. Phongsaphat Phongcharoen says police only fire back in self-defense.

"I think human rights activists shouldn't worry too much about these traffickers' lives," said Interior Minister Wan Mohamad Noor Matha.

Human rights activist Somchai Homlahor told a recent seminar that with more than 25,000 people on a police blacklist of suspected dealers, the safety of some innocent people will be jeopardized.

Thaksin has visited Myanmar, also known as Burma, in recent days to seek cooperation from its military rulers to stem the deluge.

Drug agencies estimate that more than 1 billion pills of the stimulant methamphetamine are smuggled into Thailand each year along with large amounts of heroin, and that more than 3 million Thais are addicted to the speed pills.

Thailand accuses the United Wa State Army, a former ethnic rebel group which signed a cease-fire with the Myanmar government, of trafficking in the so-called Golden Triangle, where the borders of Myanmar, Laos and Thailand meet.

It and other trafficking organizations are known to have connections with senior Thai military and police officers as well as politicians and businessmen, but critics say it's unlikely any of them will be netted in the latest anti-drug campaign.

"We are too scared to say anything, but I don't believe that he was involved with drugs," said the daughter of Kosol Nakraratho, who was on the police's wanted list and later killed by gangsters in the eastern town of Chonburi. She declined to give her name.

"We can only say that this is a big loss in our lives and he should not have been killed in such a way," she said.

An erroneous report in the Thai press said the office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights had requested an official visit by one of its senior representatives to look into reports of extra-judicial killings, but was asked to postpone her visit.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Sihasak Phuangketkeow confirmed that a U.N. representative had been told the timing for an official visit was not right, because government leaders were not available to meet her.

But the official, Hina Jilani, is U.N. Special Representative for Human Rights Defenders - not associated with the high commissioner's office - and had asked for a routine visit before the current drug crackdown.

International Briefs

Warning that terrorism will increase if war starts in Iraq

BERLIN (AP) German Interior Minister Otto Schily warned Wednesday that the risk of new terror attacks would increase sharply if war breaks out in Iraq.

Speaking after a German court convicted the first suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks to face trial anywhere in the world, Schily said there was evidence that Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida organization was regrouping and was still well-funded.

"This threat must be taken very seriously, and will increase substantially if it comes to war in Iraq," he said in an interview on n-tv television.

Schily said U.S. and British targets were particularly at risk, though gave no indication that authorities think attacks in Germany are imminent.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's government has spoken out strongly against war on Iraq, which the U.S. accuses of hiding weapons of mass destruction that could fall into the hands of terrorists.

German officials insist there is no evidence linking Iraq to al-Qaida, and that attacking Iraq could undermine the international anti-terror coalition and throw the Middle East into turmoil.

A court in Hamburg on Wednesday convicted a 28-year-old Moroccan man of more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder for helping with logistics for the German-based al-Qaida cell that carried out the Sept. 11 attacks.

VIENNA, Austria (AP) A man sprayed a car with bullets from a submachine gun and a pistol Wednesday, killing his former girlfriend, her son and the German driver of the car before apparently committing suicide, police said.

The victims were shot as the driver, identified only as a 52-year-old German man, tried to flee the attack by backing out a curbside parking spot in the Austrian capital's suburban Favoriten district.

Police said the shooting appeared to have been motivated by jealousy, and the primary target appeared to have been the 40-year-old woman, the gunman's former partner. The third person in the car was identified as the woman's 18-year-old son.

Police said the gunman, the woman and her son came from Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Plane carrying 250 military passengers crashes in Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) A plane carrying at least 250 people, most of them military personnel, crashed in southeastern Iran, Tehran television reported Wednesday.

The plane was flying from Zahedan, on the Pakistan border, to Kerman, about 500 miles southeast of Tehran. The state-run television said the plane, a Russian-built Antonov, lost contact with the control tower at 5:30 p.m. and crashed near Shahdad, about 50 miles from Kerman.

On Feb. 12, 2002, a Russian-built Tupolev Tu-154 slammed into a snow-covered mountain near the Iranian city of Khorramabad, about 230 miles southwest of Tehran. All 119 on board the Iran Air Tours flight were killed.

In 1988, 290 people died when an Iran Air A300 Airbus was mistakenly shot down by the USS Vincennes over the Persian Gulf.

Gunmen open fire on police patrol team, kill six

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia (AP) Gunmen thought to be poachers opened fire on a police patrol team on Wednesday, killing four officers and two professional hunters who were helping in the search for illegal boar hunters.

One of the gunmen was killed and a second was injured, said Nikolai Dovgal, a duty officer with the Krasnodar Emergency Situations Ministry. The rest of the attackers, believed to number about four, escaped after the early morning attack near the village of Guneiko-4, about 600 miles south of Moscow.

All police units in the region were engaged in a manhunt Wednesday and special forces from the Black Sea resort of Sochi were on their way to the area. Russian television showed police stopping cars and searching through trunks.

The gunmen fired automatic weapons at the patrol, who responded with grenades, Dovgal said. It was not immediately clear how many people were in the police patrol, which consisted of regular officers and government-employed hunters.

Sandstorm disrupts services at Egyptian airports

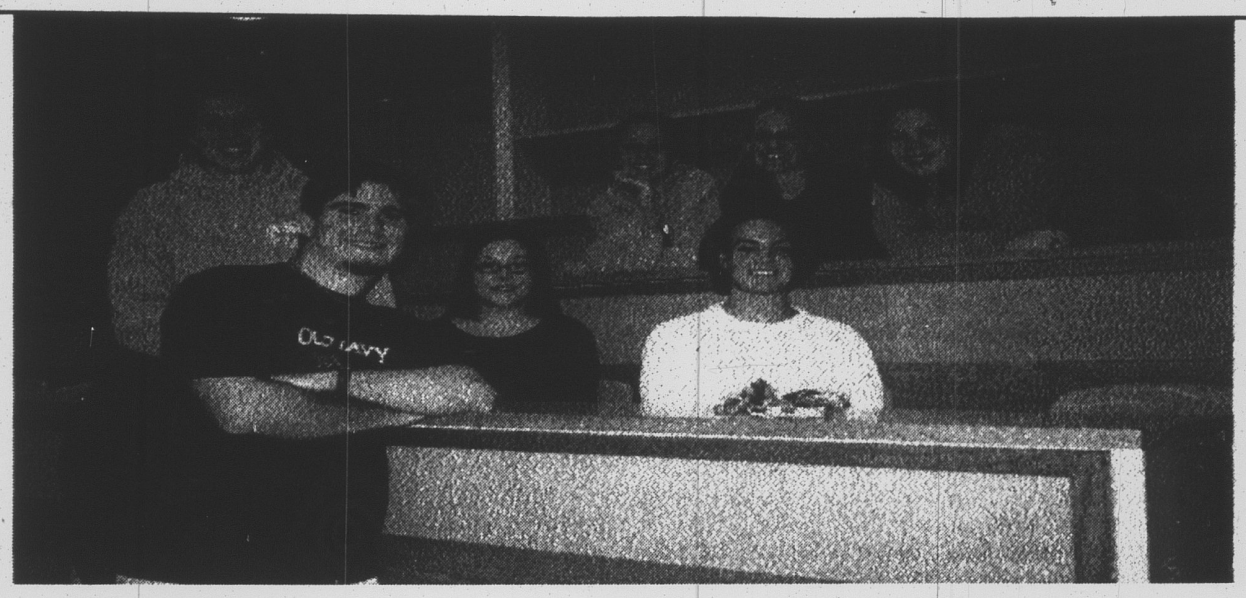
CAIRO, Egypt (AP) A sandstorm briefly disrupted services at Egyptian airports Wednesday, forcing incoming flights to land elsewhere and delaying departing flights for about an hour, airport officials said.

Two EgyptAir planes, arriving from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, were diverted from landing at the Cairo International Airport to the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheik due to poor visibility.

Before the sandstorm reached its climax in Cairo, a Kuwaiti plane with 80 passengers was diverted from the Mediterranean port city of Alexandria to Cairo airport. The passengers were put on buses for the two-hour drive to Alexandria.

Egypt's Middle East News Agency quoted the country's Meteorological Authority as saying that visibility was less than 500 (yards) at the Cairo airport. The unstable weather was expected to continue until Thursday.

Egypt is usually hit with moderate sandstorms at this time of the year but fierce sandstorms, known as Khamasin, or 50 days in Arabic, hit in April and May, causing disruption in air, sea and road traffic and, sometimes, road accidents.



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SGA Committee of the Month for November 2002:

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Special Events Committee, headed by Carolee Reed, is responsible for planning a large number of campus activities. Last semester they planned trips to Tony and Tina's Wedding, the West Virginia Penitentiary for Halloween, Kennywood, a Pirates baseball game, and VolleyRock '02 among other things. Reed said that her committee works very hard each week to plan fun things for you to do on and off campus.

CONGRATULATIONS SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE!

SGA Senator of the Month for November 2002:

Sarah Rebel

Sarah is a first-year physics major from Mercer, PA. She graduated from Grove City High School. She is on the SGA Special Events Committee, and her major contributions to SGA are being there and putting in time! She also makes sure to voice the freshmen input that she hears.

"SGA is very important and everyone on campus needs to realize that we work for them. So feel free to voice your ideas and complaints, or anything else that you feel needs to be voiced when it comes to your college," she said.

CONGRATULATIONS SARAH!

SPORTS

Greg Foster towers over Titan basketball team

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

Throughout the basketball season, senior center Greg Foster has become a formidable inside force for the Titans.

Standing nearly seven feet tall, Foster has dominated nearly all of his low block opponents. Foster has started all 21 games for the Titan cagers and leads the team in minutes, averaging 32.1 a game. As a result, Foster has become a team leader and has developed a broad role.

"My game is to rebound and contest shots on defense," Foster said. "I'm also the go-to guy in the post, and I have to capitalize on easy shots through offensive rebounding."

The Titans ask a lot from Foster, and he almost always delivers. Aside from leading the team in minutes, Foster leads the team in scoring, and he does so efficiently. He tallies 15.6 points a game, while shooting at a field goal percentage of .594, which is second only to junior Tom Freed's percentage of .619.

Foster also leads the team in rebounds, averaging 11.1 a game. More importantly, he hauls in 4.3 offensive boards a game, providing the Titan attack with valuable second shot opportunities.

"The way Greg heads to the rack is amazing," sophomore forward Pat O'Connor said. "He has a determination about him."

Though Foster provides the Titans with a quality inside game on offense, his most impressive numbers appear on the defensive side of the ball. On defense, he has earned the reputation as a fierce defender. Foster leads the team with an average of 3.2 blocks a game. He is not only the leading shot blocker on his own squad, but also the leading shot blocker in the entire PAC.

Foster looks at defense as the keys to the Titans' success this season.

"The games we've won, we've played great defense," he said. "So far for us, I'd say defense is the most important key to victory."

"Greg is obviously a huge factor in our team defense," Head Coach Jim Dafler said. "He is not only a successful shot blocker, but also he can do that without fouling a lot. Also, many shots that he may not block were 'altered' to prevent the block."

This season, Foster has contributed in nearly all facets of the game. Through his success, he has posted nationally ranking numbers. Nationally, Foster is 7th in blocks per game, 9th in rebounds per game, and 26th in field goal percentage.

The only downside to Foster's success is that he will be graduating after this season. Sadly, the season that has arguably been his finest in a Titan uniform is his last. However, with Foster's graduation, the opportunity awaits Tom Freed, who will most likely assume the role as the Titans' post presence next season.

Sports briefs

Women's Basketball

The Westminster College women's basketball cut a 19-point second half deficit to just three points with four minutes to play, but the rally fell short as the Lady Titans (8-16, 3-6 PAC) dropped a 68-54 Presidents'

Athletic Conference decision at conference leader Washington & Jefferson College (19-1, 9-0 PAC). With the win W&J, which is also the top-ranked team in the Great Lakes Region, clinched the PAC regular season title and the top seed and home court advantage for next week's PAC Women's Basketball Tournament.

The Presidents appeared to have the game in hand in the first half, as W&J never trailed en route to a 14-point (35-21) halftime advantage. The lead grew to 19 points (42-23) with 16:26 to play when Westminster made its run. The Lady Titans went on a 23-7 run over the next 9:25 to cut the lead to three points (49-46) with 7:01 to play. Westminster would close within three on two more occasions, the last coming at 55-52 with 4:11 left, but would get no closer as W&J closed the game with a 13-2 run to clinch the victory.

Shawndra McDonald bucketed a game-high 16 points for Washington & Jefferson in the PAC win. Three Lady Titans reached double figures in the contest, led by senior forward Samor Himes (Irwin/Penn-Trafford H.S.) with 15 points (including 9-of-12 from the free throw line). Senior guard Kristen Karatinos (New Castle/New Castle H.S.) and sophomore forward Erica Tallo (Oakdale/West Allegheny H.S.) each added 12 points in the loss. Karatinos set a new season-high with the 12 markers off the bench, while Tallo snared a game-high 13 rebounds for her eighth "double-double" of the season.

The Westminster women close the 2002-03 regular season at home this Saturday, Feb. 22, as the Lady Titans celebrate Senior Day by hosting PAC rival Bethany College at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium. Tip-off is slated for 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball

The Westminster College men's basketball team fell to 9-15 overall and 3-6 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play tonight in Washington, Pa., as the Titans dropped an 83-81 PAC decision at Washington &Jefferson College (6-17, 3-6 PAC). The game snapped W&J's three-game losing streak, while the Titans saw their winless streak increase to five.

Westminster jumped out to a quick 10-2 lead in the first 2:37 of the contest and held the lead for most of the first half, but W&J outscored the Titans 25-14 over the final 12:20 of the half to turn a 23-15 Westminster advantage into a 40-37 lead fopr the Presidents at intermission. The two teams battled back and forth in a closely played second half. The Titans led by one (67-66) with 7:21 to play when W&J went on an 11-2 run, taking a 77-69 lead with 4:12 to play. Westminster rallied late to tie the game at 81-81 with 45 seconds left. A pair of Michael Chicone free throws with 36 seconds left put W&J up 83-81. The Titans then missed a short jumper with 12 seconds left and a three-pointer at the buzzer. Westminster fell despite shooting 54.4 percent from the field (31-of-57), including 52.6 percent from three-point range (10-of-19).

Four Presidents reached double figures in the victory, led by senior guard Nolan Larry with 21 points. Titan sophomore guard Chris Hatch (Canfield, OH/South Range H.S.) matched Larry for game-high honors with a season-high 21 markers. Senior center Greg Foster (Girard, OH/Ursuline H.S.) posted his 15th "double-double" in 24 games this year with 20 points and a game-high 10 rebounds. Senior Jeff Simmons (Somerset/Somerset H.S.) and sophomore Pat O'Connor (Pittsburgh/Keystone Oaks H.S.) added 18 and 11 points, respectively, with O'Connor joining freshman guard Brian Fadden (New Castle/Mohawk H.S.), each dishing out a game-high five assists in the loss.

Westminster men's basketball will close the 2002-03 regular season at home this Saturday, Feb. 22, as the Titans host PAC rival Bethany College for Senior Day at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium at 3 p.m.

College basketball heats up

By Joe Kay
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI (AP) Bob Huggins sounds as beaten down as his team.

After a massive heart attack on Sept. 28, the unrelenting head coach was determined to recover fast because he knew his latest Cincinnati team needed a lot of work.

The recovery has gone well. The team is an entirely different matter.

The Bearcats have lost five of their last six games _ their deepest slump during Huggins' 14 seasons _ and are in such disarray that their 49-year-old head coach is out of ideas.

``I came back and coached because I knew they needed it," said Huggins, 49. ``I knew it was going to be a hard year. We won some games early and were hoping we could make a run at it."

Instead, they're making a run at an unwanted distinction _ the biggest underachievers during Huggins' career in Cincinnati.

Huggins' early Cincinnati teams were cobbled together as he tried to rebuild the program. Still, they managed to play hard and avoid deep slumps. In only his third season, Huggins led the Bearcats to the Final Four.

With only one returning starter this season, Huggins knew he had a work in progress. After a 13-3 start, it appeared that the Bearcats were starting to gel and getting in position for an eighth straight Conference USA regular season title.

Just like that, they imploded.

A 58-55 loss to Saint Louis on Tuesday night left Cincinnati 14-8 overall and 6-5 in the conference, with little chance of another title. The Bearcats are 1-4 against Top 25 teams, with games remaining against Marquette and Louisville.

Their centers and power forwards have trouble scoring and rebounding, their guards have trouble shooting, and no one has emerged as a leader. Huggins rages on the sideline just as much as he did before the heart attack, but the only thing the screaming gets him these days is a crimson face.

``I probably haven't done a good enough job," he said, after Saint Louis got its first victory in Cincinnati since 1982.

The problems began when none of his four centers did well enough to win the job in the first month of the season. Senior guard Leonard Stokes _ the lone returning starter _ went through long stretches of ineffectiveness. The newcomers failed to play Huggins' all-out way.

Two players quit in frustration with their backup roles, then returned a few days later. Fans have started giving up, too _ the Bearcats got booed off the court at halftime Tuesday.

``I don't blame them," Huggins said.

The biggest problem is the lack of a leader. Stokes was the logical candidate, but his quiet personality isn't suited for taking charge. When times get tough, everyone stands around and waits for someone else to do something.

Or, somebody tries to take control and does something regrettable.

``Last year, they could depend on Steve Logan to give them 30 points when they needed it," Saint Louis coach Brad Soderberg said. ``This year, they don't seem to have someone who can do that. If (Field) Williams is not hitting shots, they're a defendable team."

Williams, their 3-point specialist, is prone to streaks and is shooting only 36 percent from the field. He and power forward Jason Maxiell were a combined 7-for-25 as Cincinnati shot 29 percent from the field against Saint Louis.

``They had Kenyon (Martin) the first time I played against them," said Marque Perry, who scored 20 points to lead the Billikens. ``Then they had Kenny Satterfield and Logan. They've had great scorers. This year, they've got scorers, but they're not as good."

As the losses have multiplied, the players have stopped talking to the media. Huggins closed practice Wednesday, leaving no one available for interviews.

As the losses multiplied, Huggins banished his players from the locker room. It didn't work.

The next motivational ploy might be an us-against-the-world approach to jump-start a team that still has a good shot at the NCAA tournament, if it can get its act together fast.

``They bury us here in town before they bury us nationally," Huggins said. ``That's what happens. We're still in there. We've just got to win some games."

Golfing regulation changes, causes protests

AUGUSTA, Georgia: Demonstrators planning to protest the all-male membership at Augusta National during the Masters will now face specific regulations.

The Masters tournament in April is expected to draw protests by the National Council of Women's Organizations and the Rev. Jesse Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. The private club that hosts the Masters has never had a female member. It admitted its first black members in 1990.

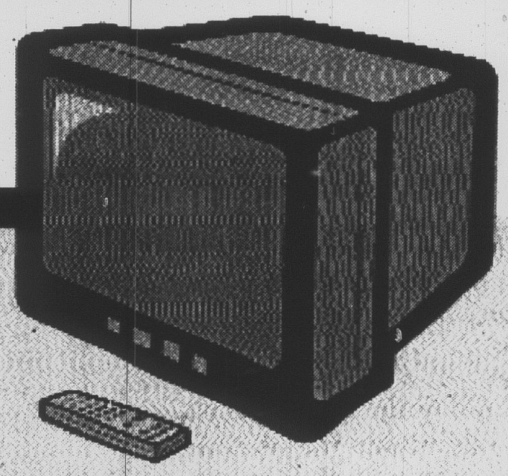
A divided Augusta Richmond County Commission approved a new ordinance Tuesday that requires protesters to apply for a permit 20 days before a demonstration. It also specifies an appeal process if a request is denied.

The city's lawyer said the old ordinance, which simply gave the sheriff authority to approve or deny protest permits, could be too vague to withstand a court challenge.

Under the new ordinance, approved 6-5, the sheriff will approve or deny the permit on the basis of public safety.

Twice in the past month, the commission's racial division had stopped the panel from adopting the new regulations. The five white commissioners supported the new law; all five blacks opposed it, saying they believed the changes were intended to stifle civil rights.

Augusta Mayor Bob Young, who is white, cast the deciding vote Tuesday to break a 5-5 tie.



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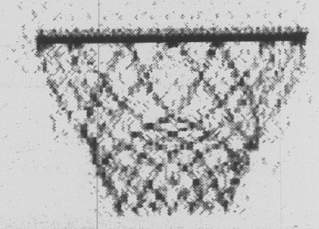

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

Less grass, more student parking. You tell me.

Wow - I "heart" the TUB.

Hibbity jibbity!

Deep philosophical thought has no place in the Rant and Rave. PANTS!

I'm a good alarm clock.

I'm so tired of seeing people make out in the lobby after 12. Can't it wait a night?!?

Copyrights make such a neat sound when you shatter so many at once.

People should have to pass an I.Q. test before they can sumit Rant and Raves.

Poodle rocks my world.

Greetings female members of the human species. I've come in peace. Now take me to your coffee.

Thanks for sending out that email letting us know that the computer labs were open. Of course, I had problems reading it on my imaginary computer.

People should have to pass an I.Q. test before they can complain (or submit letters to the editor)

What kind of person burns their roommate's socks in the microwave?

What? You don't like cheese?

Elvis lives! That's almost a palindrome. I think.

Since when did killing people take precedence over sanity? Am I the only one scared of war?

It still isn't spring break?

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: Obligatory War Rant

Terrorists kill people. So to combat the killing we fight a "War on Terrorism." We fight a war against an ambiguous concept and use the "war" as an excuse to take away our own freedoms and stick our noses where they do not belong. The Patriot Act brings us one step closer to Big Brother, while anyone with a tan is being "randomly" searched at airports. All this in the name of Homeland Security.

The country needed a face to put on our crusade. We needed a villain. Enter Hussein.

As everyone knows, save a few individuals hiding in caves, our country is on the brink of war with Iraq. Maybe you are for the war. Maybe you are against the war. Or perhaps you are ready to go ROTC (Run Off to Canada). Whatever your view point, we must agree that wars, just like terrorists, kill people.

So the question becomes who will kill more: soldiers or fanatics? It is a hard question, one we do not want to face, but it is a question that is upon us nonetheless, and ignoring it will not make the problem go away. One thing is certain though, war is a horrible enterprise that should only be used as a last resort. And we should all bow our heads in shame if it should come to the worst invention of mankind.

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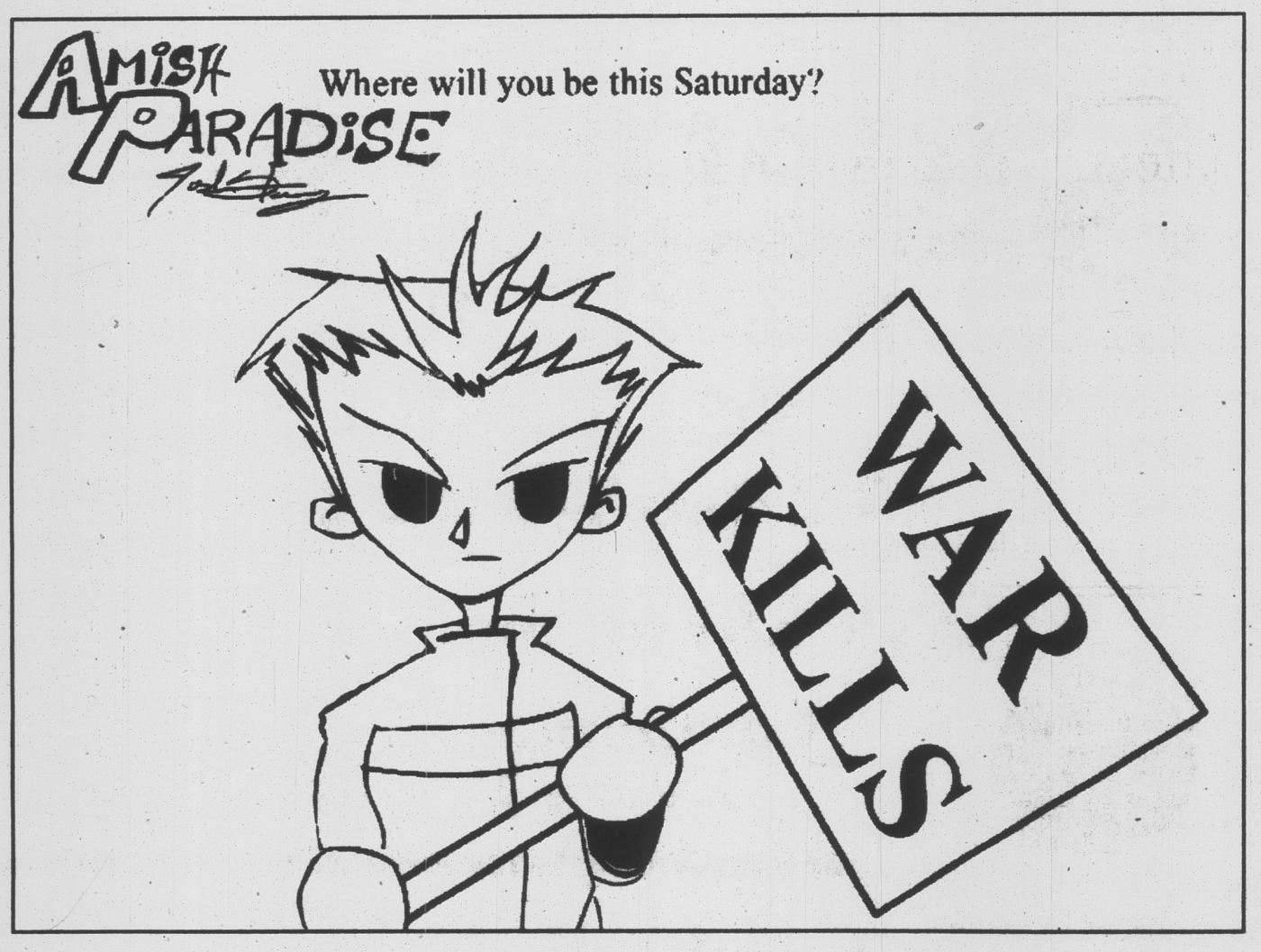
Right now you are probably reading this saying to yourself: "Yeah, whatever, we've heard all this before. What's the point?"

This Saturday, students, faculty, staff, and other protestors will assemble in New Castle and shout to whoever decides to listen that they believe a war with Iraq is wrong, unjust, and just plain stupid. Whether you are with them, against them, or ignoring them, you should realize that they are helping you.

They are helping by serving as an outlet, as a devil's advocate, a way to show how you feel. They test your faith in a government that could very well ask you to lay down your life.

War is murder. We cannot ignore this, but we can ask ourselves if we should be throwing ourselves headlong into a mindless struggle. This Saturday people will gather to show that they will not go quietly, that they will not be spoon fed propaganda, and that they do not want to murder other people.

Where will you be this Saturday, and do you know why you are going to be there?



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Guest Editorial: Clear channel corporate radio sucks

Indiana Student Daily

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. Senator Russ Feingold (D-Wisc.) introduced the Competition in Radio and Concert Industries Act of 2003" bill at the end of January. He (supported by Zell Miller [D-Ga.]) is asking Congress to rethink the wording of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 where the Federal Communications Commission eliminated national ownership rules for radio stations. According to the bill, since the Telecom Act was passed, radio station owners dropped from 5,100 to 3,800, a 25 percent decrease. Concert ticket prices increased by 50 percent. Now the top 50 radio groups collect 62.5 percent of radio station revenues. Feingold says these corresponding increases are no coincidence.

Clear Channel in particular, the largest owner of radio stations in the U.S., is in the center of a worried maelstrom of musicians, senators, music industry leaders and the media. Locally, the company owns Verizon Wireless Music Center, exclusively books the Murat Center and does some booking for other nearby venues including the IU Auditorium, Conseco Fieldhouse, Emerson Theater and Roberts Stadium. Clear Channel also owns X103 (WRZX) and Q95 (WFBQ) in Indianapolis. (The company also owns some 776,000 billboards in the nation -- check how many X103/Q95 ads are up on your next drive to Indy). Folks are starting to connect the dots between owning radio stations and venues in the same area, and Feingold's bill takes this into account. His bill says the consolidation has caused some stations to set up exclusive agreements with promoters, charge fees for playlist monitoring and limiting radio promotion of concerts to artists playing at venues they own.

Mays denies any such practices, and says his company takes local flavor into account and sticks it into Clear Channel's many rotations.

Yet, the company has had legitimate legal trouble. Two years ago Florida officials fined Clear Channel $80,000 for not telling participants to a radio call-in show that they were competing against listeners from across the country, instead of locally. The FCC fined Clear Channel $8,000 the same year for accepting money from a record company to play a Bryan Adams song -- this practice is called payola, one of the causes that started federal regulation of the airwaves in the first place. A Bryan Adams song -- is it worth it?

Decide for yourself. Is the same music played in Minneapolis what fits in Indiana? Would Minnesotans not want more Husker Du and Replacements than Guns 'n' Roses and Blind Melon? Listen to a Clear Channel station here and one in your hometown, and see if Mays' claim that his company provides for local listening is true.

If you want at least part of your music and media back, call your senators and ask them to support the bill. Look them up at www.senate.gov.

We saw the demise of music diversity in Indianapolis when Power 105 got bought out in Indianapolis. Corporate radio has, and still does, suck.

Attention faculty and staff: Do you have an opinion you would like to share with the campus?

If so, contact The Holcad at EXT. 7224 or e-mail holcad@westminster.edu to write a guest editorial.

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E-mail letter to: **holcad@westminster.edu.**

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As I read last weeks letters, I could not have agreed more with Matt Mough's comments regarding the Rant and rave section of the Holcad. I would however disagree with one statement he made, it does not seem we are in a high school, rather a junior high. Consider last week edition which included such statements as "Quit thinking it hurts" I hate to tell the writer of that piece of "wisdom" that this is a respected college, what are we supposed to do? If you want to talk about pain, consider that there are many young men and women who are in Iraq, preparing to die for our country. That is pain. Also the writer who thought it would be a good idea to address how they drank milk, I cannot begin to understand why that is important to anyone, much less amusing. My friends cat drinks milk from a bowl, why do we print such things that any outsider reading would get a negative impression about this campus. Then again at an institution which prohibits those of age not to have alcohol, requires you to live in a dorm room, and will not let you have a member of the opposite sex in your room this type of stuff is par for the course. Then again the best piece of advice came from last weeks rant and rave "stop complaining, do something about it" Heres to that, lets eliminate the rant and rave.

Andrew Podbielski

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

Daredevil

Biz Adams

I think the best thing about the movie "Daredevil" is its taglines, which include: "When the streets have gone to Hell, have faith in the Devil," "Take the Dare," and (my personal favorite) "Justice is blind. So is he."

Matt Murdock and his devilish alter ego are played by newly-buff Ben Affleck. I saw a trailer for this movie months ago and groaned. It does look somewhat cheesy. The storyline is based on Murdock, who grows up in a crime-infested city, is blinded by radioactive waste that miraculously heightens his other senses, goes to law school, and fights crime at night while wearing red leather.

The most interesting aspect of the film was the idea of law and justice. One character says something to the effect of, "You can't be a lawyer during the day and the judge and jury at night." Ah, but he is. For most of the movie, at least. In court, Daredevil loses the case against an alleged sexual assaulter. He "senses" the man is truly guilty and kills him later that night with flair. Towards the end, his karate-expert girlfriend Elektra Natchios (played by the gorgeous Jennifer Garner) wrongly accuses Daredevil (Gasp!) of killing her father and sets out to avenge him.
Basically, Daredevil gets stabbed by someone else acting in the name of justice. I think that puts a dent in his killing-for-righteousness plan.

Anywho. The movie's special effects are amazing. The plot is so-so. But the tension between good and evil, wrong and right, justice and injustice is what makes this movie "go."

Biz: The movie's special effects are amazing. The plot is so-so.

Jimm: On a scale of 1 – 5 Burger King crowns, I rate Daredevil with 4 crowns.

Jimm Needle

I sat down to write this review about an hour ago, but I could not get pictures and thoughts of the "Daredevil" female lead actress Jennifer Garner out of my head. Bear with me as I sharpen my critical thinking skills and banish visions of this film's exquisite leading lady. Thank you. Now that my thoughts are collected, I can dedicate adequate attention to my review of the newest Marvel comic film adaptation: "Daredevil."

"Daredevil" is a dark portrayal of a super hero who is taunted and tortured. Unlike Marvel's popular movie superhero character "Spiderman" for whom I have no words of praise, "Daredevil" is a well-done film. I loved it. Although some may say the film parallels the 1989 Batman film, I disagree. "Daredevil" like "Spiderman" is a comic book based film. Its comic book foundation does not offer many fresh or new themes, but there are certainly enough to take the audience on a great ride. Daredevil is not the dictionary definition of a good guy, but as Daredevil himself says in the movie, "I am not a bad guy." This film offers a new slant on the super hero theme, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

I was quickly drawn into this film because it does a convincing job of making the audience understand that a superhero's life is far from super. The film defines exactly what a superhero must endure in order to survive. In his film, Spiderman shares with the audience that his life is worthless but he forgets to show his viewers why it is worthless. "Daredevil" actually proves how difficult it is to be a superhero.

Ben Affleck does a believable job of portraying Daredevil's tortured life. However, the stand out performance in this film is from a young man whom I predict will be a future super star, Colin Farrell. Farrell's out of control performance as Bulls Eye captures the audience's attention and keeps them laughing throughout the movie. And as far as Garner goes, I have already given my candid review of her...I need say no more!

On a scale of 1 – 5 Burger King crowns, I rate Daredevil with 4 crowns.

And the winner is... Oscar fever starts to rise

by Jillian S. Jordan
A&E Editor

The Westminster Theatre Department will begin its showing of "Detective Story" this upcoming Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.. Our talented group of performers are on their way to successful lives in entertainment. Will one of our very own one day end up spending their night among the stars at the annual Academy Awards? We'll just have to keep looking out for Westminster talent. Last Tuesday, the much anticipated Oscar nominations were made public. In the world of entertainment, these nominations can make or break a career.

The "Best Picture" category, one of the most prominent titles for any Hollywood blockbuster hit, has been taken over by a quite varied group of films this year. Among the five nominations, Chicago, a movie of music and murder, has captured the hearts and ears of viewers worldwide. Two sentimental, thought-provoking movies have also been given recognition as two of the five nominated for this year's Best Picture. Many have flocked to the theatres to see The Hours and The Pianist, but will the Academy find either of these films more appealing than the action-packed The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers? Will the country's present crisis increase interest in the fifth nominated, patriotic movie named, The Gangs of New York?

Although film is a huge genre in the entertainment community, music may be even larger. Up for the year's "Best Song" are five noteworthy lyrical miracles. For Chicago, the song "I Move On," for 8 Mile, the song "Lose Yourself," for Frida, the song "Burn It Blue," for The Gangs of New York, the song "The Hands That Built America," and for The Wild Thornberrys Movie, the song "Father and Daughter." Will rapper Eminem win the Academy over with his lyrical masterpiece or will the nationalism of our country "hand over with this year's "Best Song" award to U2?

The "Actor/Actress in a Leading Role" categories are known to give rise to the future and to give a more distinguished recognition to present film prodigies. Jack Nicholson is up for his twelfth nomination in this category ever for this performance in the remarkable film, About Schmidt. Michael Kane has made the top five with his striking work in The Quiet American and Daniel Day-Lewis for his performance in The Gangs of New York. Well-known actor, Nicolas Cage has also been given a place in this year's nominations for his work as twin brothers in Adaptation. Adrien Brody is up for his first nomination for his acting in the oscar-nominated The Pianist.

The superb actresses nominated for Leading Roles are Salma Hayek for her first nomination in Frida, Nicole Kidman for her performance in The Hours, Diane Lane for her work in Unfaithful, Julianne Moore for her fourth nomination ever in Far From Heaven, and Renee Zellweger for her astonishing talents in Chicago.

Make sure to tune in to presentation of The Academy Awards on March 23, 2003 to see who makes this year's list!

Allister welcomes new members and rocks out Orr

Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

This year Westminster's Mardi Gras celebration was headlined by punk band Allister. About 100 people came to the show, which featured local openers December Son.

Fresh off a show with about 600 in attendance in my hometown of Madison Wi., the band expressed how their tour has been going so far as we sat down to talk before the show."The shows since we've joined have been really good," drummer Mike Leverence said. "I'm sure that's all you guys," replied guitar player and vocalist Tim Murphy, referring to the two new additions to their band, Leverence and former Showoff guitarist Kyle Lewis."Every show's been... like people singing along with the songs and encores and stuff," Lewis said."I think it's from hard work over the last four months since our CD came out and Warped Tour too," Murphy said, referring to their song 'X-Girlfriend' which was featured on a compilation that circulated to about 30,000 kids at the Warped Tour this past

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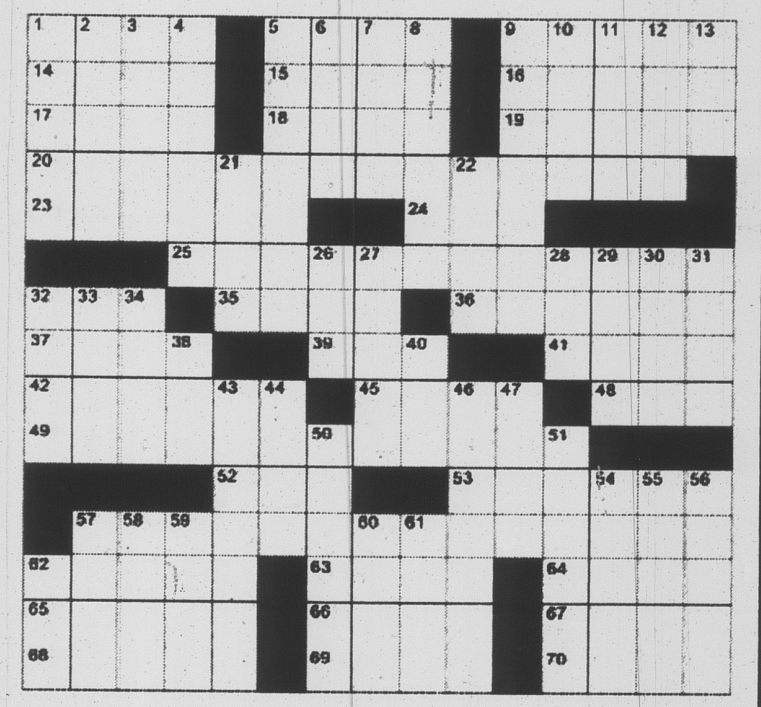
Allister

Crossword 101

Time After Time

By Ed Canty



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60 Roof overhang
61 Prolific singer
62 Household implement

Quotable Quote

Time is an illusion. Lunchtime doubly so.

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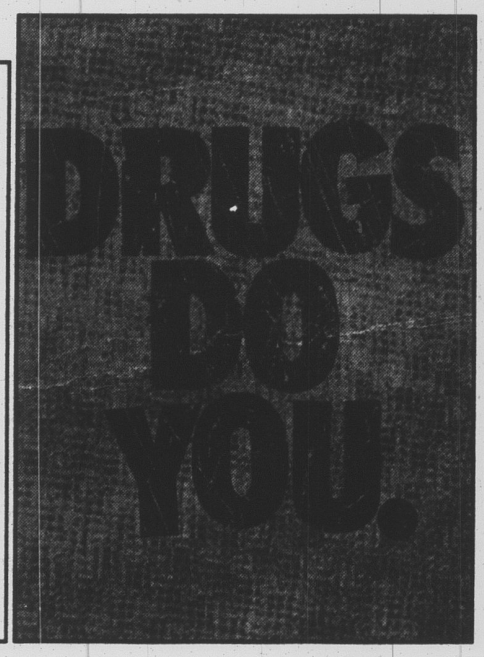

HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Don't believe everything you hear; make sure to check sources and facts. Work at staying debt free. There may be a confining relationship which has been on your mind for some time. Give yourself some breathing space to think about which approach you want to take.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
This week may bring a difficult problem. Keeping your perspective will help you to hold your temper and avoid any unnecessary blowups for such trivial problems. Later, you may feel a bit unsure of your next step, give it time and it may take care of itself.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Love is in the air this week. It's quite possible that you may find yourself in the midst of a new and exciting relationship, or finally seeing a romantic possibility which has been right under your nose. If you already have a committed sweetheart, the sparks are going to fly.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Moderation in your lifestyle is the key to making it this week. Spending time with children will keep your feet on the ground and possibly see things in a different way. Your craving for something new and exciting may have a negative effect on what you hold dear.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Old memories may be stirred up this week, and you may have a hard time putting your finger on just why this is so. Try to explore your feelings to the best of your abilities, and make an effort to look for the silver lining in that cloud over your head.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Your energies are magnified during the week, but be careful just how you use the power. Don't use this energy for destructive ends, or else you may find these negative vibes coming back to haunt you, twofold. The weather, oddly enough, may have a rejuvenating effect on you.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Take into consideration those things which you value most and put your energy behind it. Use your financial resources responsibly. Attending to details about money will save you from wasting time and money later on. An opportunity for wealth has strings attached.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
This week you may be inclined to take a deep look at your philosophical approach to life. It may be time to shift your long held views in order to come up to date with your maturity level. Accept any praise coming your way about a job well done, but don't let it go to your head.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
There may be anxieties just beneath the surface which wreak havoc on your physical and mental health. Look to positive long-range plans in order to subdue your anxiety. Take changes in stride and you will see that something new may just suit you better.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Compassion and flexibility is essential during the week. It may be hard for you to watch someone you care for wallowing in self-pity, but there isn't much you can do about it. The way you approach solutions to a problem may not be the way others do. Set your sights on the future.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
A more assertive approach in the workplace will win points with someone higher up who is watching you. Maintain your cool and co-workers will be impressed also. If the information coming to you seems confusing, take time to analyze everything before deciding anything.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Don't undertake a project this week that you are not equipped to do properly. It is very important to recognize your limitations. Don't take yourself so seriously, or else things will cease to be enjoyable. Everything is not a contest, no matter what others lead you to believe.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Changes on the work scene could bring you a promotion, but the money may not meet your expectations. Either hang in there and hope for improvement, or start looking for a better paying position. Use your intuition to resolve differences with a mate.

FEATURE

Interactive Story of the Month:
Wonder Lust and Joe Millionaire

One day my spirit of adventure over took me. I bought a buy-one-get-nine-free airline ticket. The first place I decided to go to was Washington state to climb the giant Sycamore trees and decorate the highest tree tops with Christmas lights. (Allison Evans, senior) Then I went to Nebraska, sat in a cornfield and met with my friend Cid. He is a good kid. (Melissa Toy, junior) I realized that corn wasn't too exciting but stingrays would be, so I took a flight to Hawaii. (Jessica Pettit, sophomore)

After my trip to Hawaii, I decided to have a little fun so I went to party with all my friends at Alpha Sigs. (Anthony Makuch, first year) Then, after Alpha Sigs, I went to the Down Under to do homework because I am a big dork. While I was there I met this weird kid. (Kristen Etzel, sophomore)

Well, this "weird kid" and I instantly fell in love and eloped to Toronto, Canada. (Katie Miller, junior) After a trip in downtown Canada, I realized that Canada sucks and anyone who wants to go there sucks so I left the person I married. (John Glista, junior)

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After Canada I went to France and met Joe Millionaire and found out that he only made $19,000 a year so I sued his pants off and got $45 million and lived comfortably the rest of my life. (Demaris Wallace, junior) Or so I thought. Money doesn't grow on trees but neither do comfortable places to live. Unfortunately, I ended up living in Ohio and was forced to become a Brown's fan. But hey, at least I can buy fireworks and beer at Sheetz. (Ben Robbins, senior)

Unfortunately the beer at Sheetz sucks. It was bitter beer. So I packed up my fireworks and went to Las Vegas. I really liked Caesar's Palace, so I decided to become a showgirl, wearing all sorts of big colorful feathers and sequences. I went by my stage name Lola. (Nikki McDorman, senior)

All the while something was bothering me. Then it clicked. I'm a man. How could I be such a great showgirl? So, ashamed with myself, I packed up my stuff and went to a place where no one could find me. Abu Dhabi! Oh, wait, I mean...New Wilmington. (Bill Shondelmyer, sophomore) While in New Wilmington I decided to join an Amish household and changed my name to Jebadiah Ezekial Young III, Esq. The woman are plain. The men are hardy. I went back to Las Vegas. (Catherine Heidrich, senior)

Then I left Las Vegas because I smelled like chicken from eating at the buffets all week long. (Ben Libert, first year) Then I went to California to find Miguel from "Passions" cause he's hot. He dumped Charity for me. (Laura Elder, sophomore) When I came to my senses I realized Ireland was the place for me. I traveled through the big cities, getting a feel of the island. Then I ran into a band of gypsies. Together, we formed a commune where we lived happily drinking cider, breeding and making that beautiful Celtic music for the rest of our lives. (Kutila Warner, senior)

Saying goodbye to RA life

by Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

College is a cornucopia of life altering experiences. And as many times as we all hear it, as many times that we are warned, it really is hard to conceptualize how fast the time goes.

We all have our adventures. We all find ourselves on some sort of path that changes the direction the wind blows. And if we didn't, we would waste a lot of money leaving as the same person as when we came in.

I have lived my time here at Westminster. I have watched myself in the ever-changing spool of thread, sewing myself together into the person that I am suppose to be, whatever that means.

I have managed to make it through the times when life isn't easy street, the times that make you tough in preparation for the tougher. I have had my experiences, the crazy days. Switching roommates in the middle of sophomore year, traveling abroad twice in a seven-month stretch, getting a feel for apartment life in the streets of New Wilmington, multitudes of books could be written on the elapsed four years. We've all got the stories, right?

But one of the last things I ever imagined myself doing during my college career, one of the last things that I ever thought would become part of my stories, was accepting the position of a resident assistant.

I didn't exactly live out the qualifications for an RA at Westminster. My freshman year dorm room was "headquarters," a.k.a. for the room where my girls came to pre-party, drinking as many beers as we could in a hour and half time frame, clanging the remaining cans into our book-bags, all while my RA was directly next door.

Sophomore year was when my roommates and I got too lazy to walk down the four flights of stairs in Hillside to smoke our cigarettes.

Last year was different. My friends and I congregated at the Vine Street apartments, in turn, dorm room parties lost their appeal.

I came into my senior year a little different, I was sober, trying to get my life on track because I was going no where really fast. So becoming an RA was like sliding into a homeless shelter when you have been on the streets for months.

The residence life staff of Ferguson Hall took me in like family, a family of six different backgrounds, viewpoints and experiences. They took me in and gave me an experience that I never thought could happen. But it did.

I fought off the stereotypes of Ferguson. It took a while, but I did it. Greek life was unknown life, so moving into the "headquarters" was a little overwhelming, to say the least.

But after a while, I realized that the women of Ferguson are all just people. People that have the same needs and desires as everyone else. A few letters on the front of a shirt doesn't make them any different.

The decision to leave my position took a lot of thought. But I just couldn't do it anymore. The realization that I only have three months left until graduation hit me really hard. There is just so much to do. So many things and people to say goodbye to. It might sound selfish, but I just really need the time that I have left here at Westminster to figure things out, to try to piece together where I want to be in three short months.

Time...it will get you. It sneaks up on you like a snake in the water, making ripples, changing the texture, changing the direction that we have to swim. It flows fast, and I just can't let anything slither by.

ATTENTION STUDENTS and ORGANIZATIONS:

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summer.

The band has a steady touring regimen ahead of them.

"We're doing two weeks at the end of the month with Mustard Plug, which is kind of like a co-headlining thing," Lewis said. "Then we're doing two weeks with American Hi-Fi on the west coast, then after that we're going to Japan"

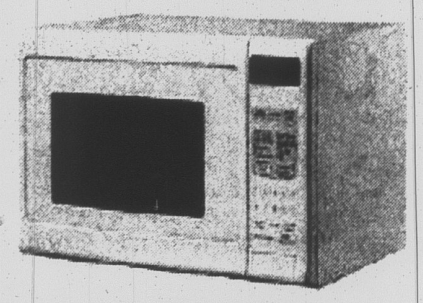
The band is excited to be going back to Japan.

"We were there in 2001, it was unbelievable," Tim said. "We were fortunate enough to tour with this band from there called Nicotine. And through those shows that we played, kids were able to hear our stuff and buy our CDs they were really excited. So, now we're going over there in April and there has already been some presale, which is really exciting."

Bass player Scottie Murph' hadn't said anything all night and when asked if he had anything to add he replied in true Mardi Gras fashion, "You can quote this... Allister loves boobs."

If you liked what you heard at Mardi Gras or missed the band you can catch their video for "Somewhere on Fullerton" on Much Music. Or, if you can't get home to watch the video on 'good' cable, you can check out the full video at http://launch.yahoo.com. For more info on the band, check out www.allisterrock.com or pick up a copy of their latest album 'Last Stop Suburbia.'

Can You Really Put That in a Microwave?



Come find out what happens when you place CDs and soap in a microwave and also find out what common food creates a "fire ball."

Thursday February 28th
4:30 in the Planetarium

Presented by: The Society of Physics Students

Classifieds

Krispy Kreme doughnuts will be on sale Feb. 24-March 5 outside Galbreath Dining Hall. Delivery will be March 18. Sale sponsored by Lambda Sigma sophomore honor society.

PCMEA Variety Show will be held Saturday Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Orr Auditorium. Admission is $1.

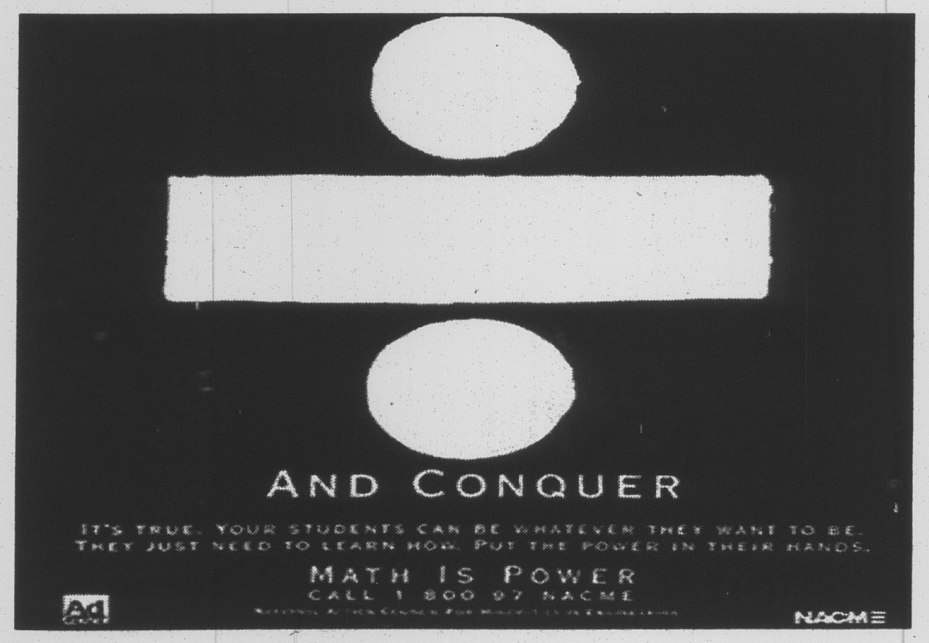
"Bowl for Kids' Sake" is sponsored by Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lawrence County. The event will take place on Saturday April 5 at Colonial Bowling Lanes in New Castle. Call 724-657-3680 for more information, or to register a team.

Car for Sale: 1988 Mazda MX-6, $1300 or best offer. Call ext. 6907 for information.

Sportsman's Night Out, an event featuring hunting and fishing seminars, concessions, door prizes, and games, will take place on Friday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m. at Laurel High School. Admission is $2.

Green Party of Westminster College will hold meetings on Thursdays at 5 p.m. in Patterson 228.

"Storm the Castle," a protest and demonstration against the potential war in Iraq, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 2-4 p.m. at the corner of Jefferson St. and E. Washington Road in New Castle. For details, contact Ken Jae at ext. 6475.



Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 21
Jubilee Conference in Pittsburgh
11:40 a.m. Chapel
M&W Swimming @ PAC Invitational (Grove City)
7:30 p.m. Wind Ensemble Concert - Orr Auditorium
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Cafe - Down Under

SATURDAY 22
WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
Jubilee Conference in Pittsburgh
M&W Swimming @ PAC Invitational (Grove City)
1:00 p.m. W Basketball vs. Bethany (H)
3:00 p.m. M Basketball vs. Bethany (H)
7:00 p.m. Mass
TBA PCMEA Variety Show - Orr Auditorium

SUNDAY 23
Jubilee Conference in Pittsburgh
1:15 p.m. Trip to Pittsburgh Penguins Game (sponsored by SGA) Buses Leave Old 77 Promptly at 1:15
3:00 p.m. Student Recital: Brian Barrett - Chapel (Tentative Date)
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie: Signs - Down Under

MONDAY 24
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:15 p.m. Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
7:30 p.m. Piano Recital: Brian Helson, Alumnus of WC Orr Auditorium
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 am Late Night - Down Under

TUESDAY 25
M&W Basketball @ PAC Tournament
10:00 a.m. Resume Workshop - Career Center, Eichenauer Hall (second floor)
11:00 a.m. All-Campus Meeting - Orr Auditorium
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
7:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Game Night - Down Under
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Late Night - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 26
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Dorita Bolger and Richard Sprow - PH 311
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
8:00 p.m. Diversity Symposium Spring Semester Event: Bruce Feiler, Author - Orr Auditorium
9:30 p.m. Seekers Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 27
M Basketball @ PAC Tournament
Noon - 6:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive - New Wilmington Presbyterian Church Social Hall (lower level)
5:30 p.m. Career Center Etiquette Dinner - Russell Hall Dining Room
7:00 p.m. Young Republicans Meeting - PH 131
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: Splendor in the Grass - Beeghly Theater
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Kappa Delta Shamrock Event - Orr Auditorium
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 am Late Night - Down Under

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THE RESULTS ARE IN...

WE ASKED YOU AND THIS IS WHAT YOU TOLD US:

1. 70% of students did not know that they were invited and welcomed at all SGA meetings.
2. 30% of students think that SGA is making a somewhat poor effort in finding out what they want on campus.
3. 60% of students do not feel apart of what goes on in the Student Government Association.
4. 68% of students are somewhat to rarely informed as to what SGA is doing for them.
5. 82% of students did not know that SGA's budget comes from a portion of each student's activity fee.
6. 76% of students want an Executive Slate that is:
   - Interested in what students want on campus.
   - Focused on Special Events, on and off campus.
   - Going to survey students bi-annually in order to see if their needs are being met.
   - Responsible and dependable in meeting the student body's needs.
7. The top three events wanted on campus are:
   1. More on campus events
   2. More Concerts
   3. More off campus, professional sports events.

Slate Atkins knows what you want; let us use that knowledge to serve you better.

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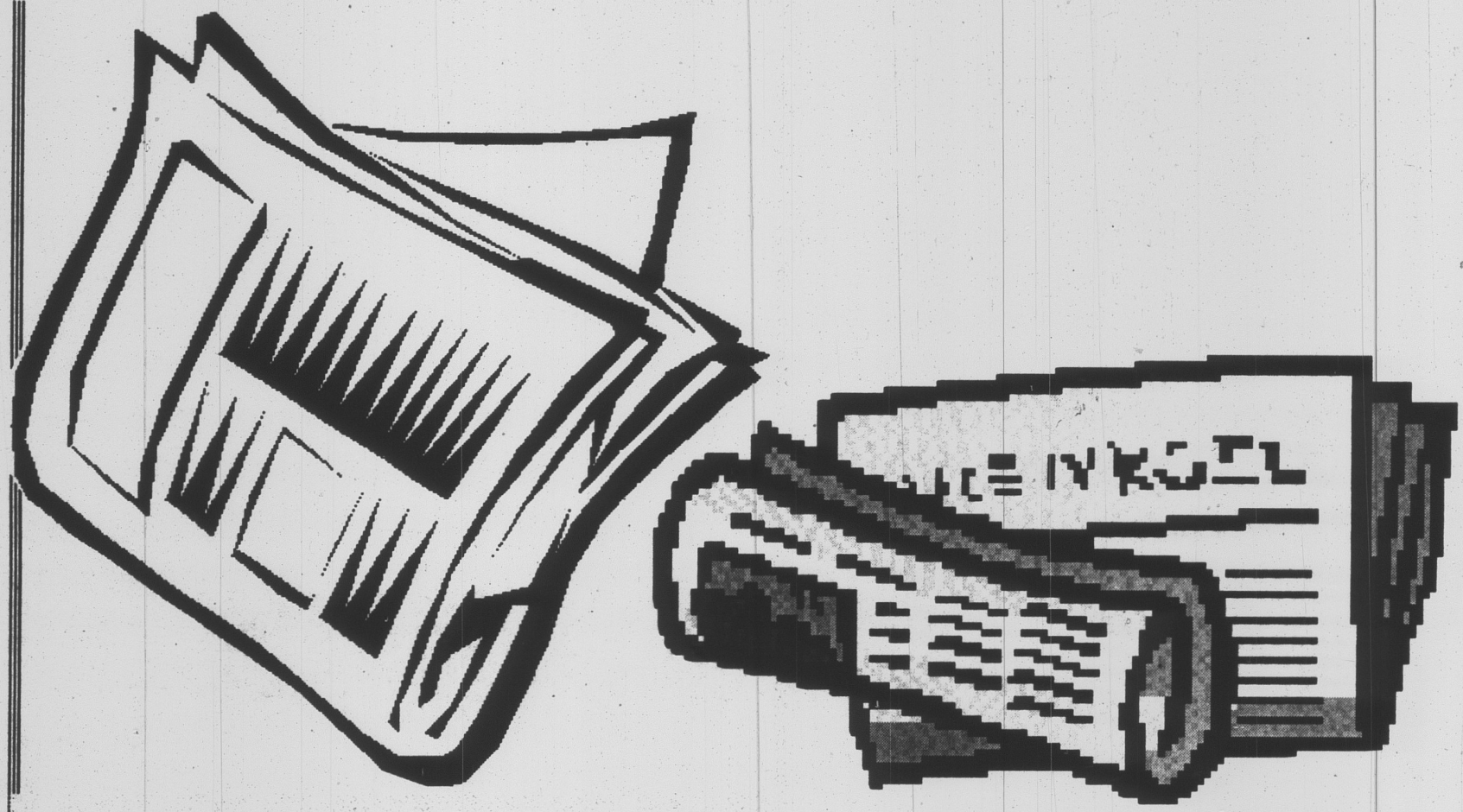

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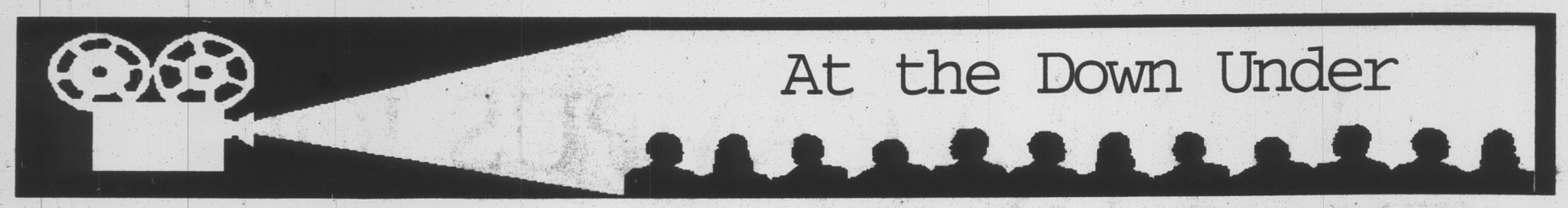

Friday:
JT's Cafe
10 pm to 2 am

Free popcorn and cappuccino

Saturday:
Movie: Signs
8:00 pm

Free popcorn and cappuccino

Sunday:
Movie: Signs
9:00 pm

As always free pop,
popcorn, and cappuccino.

Weekly Events:

Late Nights

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays
10pm-2am

JT's Cafe

Come join us for free cappuccino while you enjoy the atmosphere. We will provide the music, pool, games and darts – you provide the chatting!

Baked goods will be available with the cappucinno. Try us out from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Down Under. We look forward to seeing you there.

Friday, February 21 from 10:00 p.m. til 2:00 a.m.

Friday, February 28, 2003

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PCMEA Variety Show another success

photo by Lindsey Robertson
Donna Macurdy and Heather Burns

by Tricia Burich
Staff Writer

On Saturday Feb. 22, many students attended the variety show sponsored by the Pennsylvania Collegiate Music Educator's Association. PCMEA is an association of college students studying to become music educators.

Each year, the variety show is PCMEA's main fundraiser, and it has done very well in the past. There were a total of 8 acts, including an energetic dance, followed by a performance by an alternative rock band called PoanLiar.

"It was our biggest fundraiser of the year, so we were glad to see people come out and support us," John Westcott, director and vice president of PCMEA said.

PoanLiar is a five-man band from the Erie area. The lead singer is Westminster student Chris Dearbeck.

"I was really excited to get the chance to perform. As a member of the PCMEA organization, I was glad that I could bring in my band to help," Dearbeck said.

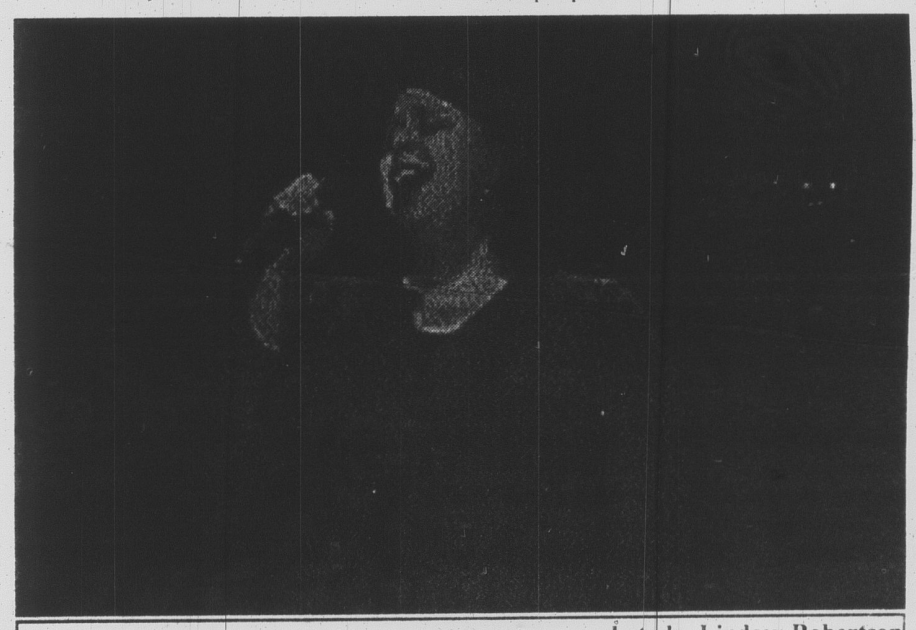
The acts performed songs such as "The Rose" by Bette Midler and "Take Me or Leave me" from "Rent." Although many of the acts were singers, Alycia McCullough and Annessa Bontrager danced to "Work It" by Missy Elliot.

"I had a lot of fun performing in the show. It was a great opportunity, and I'm glad I was able to support PCMEA," McCullough said.

"I did not know what to expect, but I discovered the variety show was a lot of fun and I can't wait for next year's show," audience member Melissa DePaul said.

"I wanted to be in the variety show this year because it was something I have always wanted to do. I am really glad I did," senior Gwen Kennedy said.

"We had a lot of great acts and many talented people," Westcott said.



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Gwen Kennedy

Dramatic literature professor to be hired

by Kate Sweeney
Staff Writer

Earlier in February, the English department offered a position to Dr. Andrew Ade. The current University of North Carolina professor will take over for Dr. Nancy Macky upon her retirement at the end of this semester. Dr. Ade will focus in dramatic literature.

From initial interviews with approximately 30 candidates, the department brought three final candidates to campus last month. Each of the last three candidates was given the opportunity to teach in a mock classroom setting of English majors. They also met with the department, were given a tour of the campus and met with the acting Dean Jesse Mann.

In the classroom setting, the candidates assigned work to the students ahead of time, so students could participate and interact. Each candidate had a background in theater and dramatic literature, which made for interesting classroom activities and exercises.

At the end of the week, the students involved in the classroom simulation met with the department to give their feedback.

The simulated classroom process is beneficial on many levels. The students are able to see a candidate in action,

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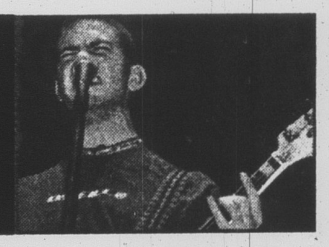

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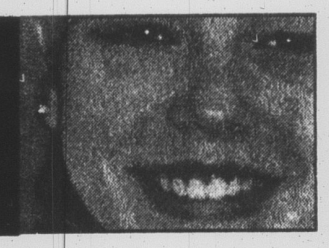

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CAMPUS NEWS

WC Plan gives students tools for future

by Christine Atkins
Staff Writer

There are mixed feelings about the Westminster Plan and how it pertains to students' futures beyond Westminster.

From a curricular perspective, the plan is composed of four major elements. According to the undergraduate catalog, "Westminster's vision of a liberally educated person is achieved from a four-year integrated course of study involving (1) general education, (2) prescribed graduation requirements, (3) a major, and (4) electives."

"The Westminster Plan was created to provide an introduction to liberal arts, in order to build an intellectual community and to demonstrate the interdisciplinary nature of knowledge and learning," Academic Affairs Director and Off Campus Studies Coordinator, Fritz Horn said.

The first component of the Westminster Plan is the liberal studies curriculum, which is the major section of the plan. It is described by the undergraduate catalog as "a four-year series of courses crafted to foster collaborative learning, demonstrate the integration of knowledge, and structured to facilitate the acquisition of learning skills and the development of a community of learners. Liberal studies has four complementary parts: (A) The First Year Program; (B) Intellectual Perspectives; (C) Cluster Courses; and (D) Senior Capstone."

"I think the Westminster Plan helps freshmen prepare themselves for the real world," freshman Nikky Douglas said.

Negative student views of the liberal studies curriculum are also present on campus.

"Despite the fact for the need of a well-rounded liberal arts program, I would have preferred to take more first-year classes that pertained to my major," sophomore psychology major, Kali Hignett said.

"I think that there should be a broader choice of electives and an option to take physical education classes," senior Ashley Kenney said. "It [Westminster Plan] has given me a broad knowledge in a vast amount of topics. However, I sometimes wish that my choice of major would have had a larger, more detailed selection of courses."

Currently, the Curriculum Development Committee has been conducting a faculty survey to see if any changes should be made to the plan. The faculty survey focuses on all four elements of the Westminster Plan. The results will be used to measure faculty satisfaction.

"Liberal studies has been liberating for faculty, enabling us to work with and learn from one another," English professor, Dr. Ross Wastvedt said.

Students rally in New Castle

by Isaac Ludwig
Staff Writer

This past Saturday about 180 people braved the rain to travel to New Castle to attend an anti-war march and rally dubbed "Storm the Castle."

The event was organized by the campus' Green Party and was covered by at least five television stations, including the college's Cable 9 network, and was also covered in major area papers such as the New Castle News, the Sharon Herald, and the Youngstown Vindicator. A review of the protest can also be found on indypgh.org.

The event started around 2 p.m. with co-organizer Ken Jae as the master of ceremonies. The crowd was warmed up with the music of Rev. Richard Judy, Jr. from Every Church a Peace Church and Ronald Dahl. The first round of speakers included Rev. Judy, Sandy Kelson from the Pittsburgh chapter of Veterans for Peace, and Dean Gerber from the TMC Anti-War Committee.

After the first group of speakers, the attendees marched from Kennedy Square down Jefferson Street, around the Columbus Innerbelt and back to Kennedy Square for another round of speakers. The second round of speakers started at around 3 p.m.

The rest of the speakers included: Rev. Ted Ludwig; Dr. Andrea Grove, professor of political science and campus Green Party advisor; Kelly Stopp, a student from Geneva College, Dr. Mike Eptropolious, sociology professor at the University of Pittsburgh and an International Green Party member; Mark Elisco from the New Castle City Council; Dr. Gary Lilly, chair of the college's political science and sociology department and Vietnam veteran; and Richard Miller playing the role of Abraham Lincoln.

photo by Jeremy Baker
Students and faculty assembled in New Castle last Saturday

To view almost all the coverage of the rally, go to indypgh.org.

Interested students can look into the other anti-war events that are coming up this week. There will be another anti-war march and rally this Sunday starting at 2 p.m. at William Pitt Union Lawn at 5th and Bigelow in Pittsburgh. This Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Ferguson lobby, there will be a Peace Studies coffee house on the draft.

On Wednesday, there will be a National Student Strike. The Green Party is currently organizing for the event on campus, which may include sleeping in a shantytown on the quad and hot chocolate.

Etiquette Dinner prepares seniors

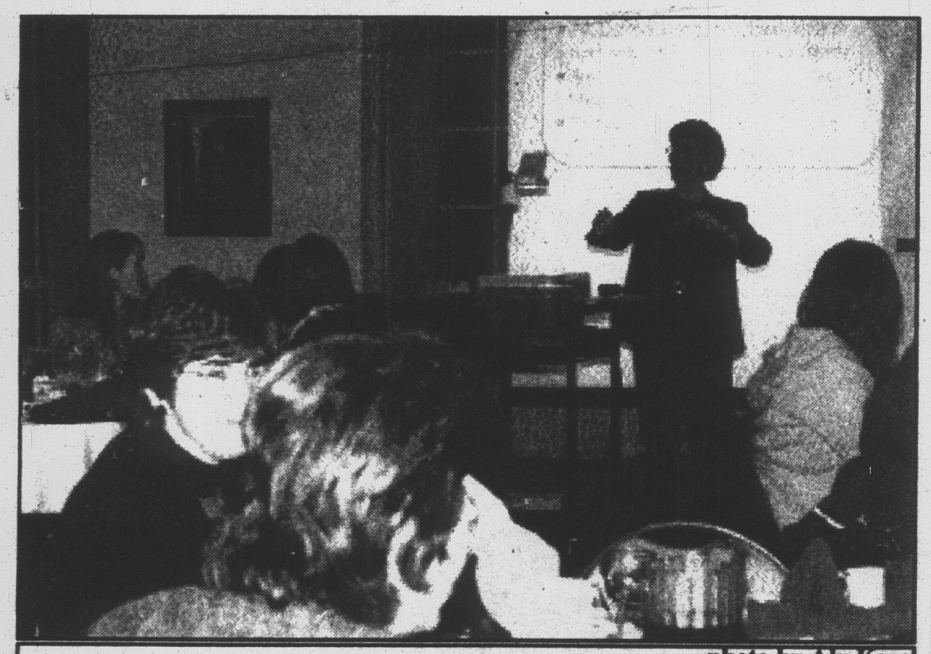


photo by Aly Karg
Karen Litzinger discusses proper dining etiquette.

by Katie Fisher
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, the Career Center sponsored the 2003 Etiquette Dinner and Dress for Success Style Show held in Russell dining hall.

The event was open to all students, but the main goal was to help seniors who will soon be entering the work world.

Karen Litzinger, from Litzinger Career Consulting in Pittsburgh, Pa., began the program by discussing proper dining etiquette and how to "polish your silverware knowledge and table manners."

"Etiquette is expected in the world of work," she said.

The show was a hands-on learning experience. The audience learned proper etiquette as they ate their meals. Students learned to put their napkin on their lap as soon as they sat down, to always pass food to the right, and to use silverware starting from the outside and working their way inside.

Litzinger also gave a variety of tips from how to introduce oneself in a formal setting to how to know which fork to use first to butter bread. "The tips she gave were very helpful. Some things I would have never thought to do," said senior Kacie Higgins.

Other tips given were how to make a good first impression on possible employers. Litzinger stressed being early to interviews, but just on time to business luncheons because the host may be arranging to pay the bill. She also focused on conversation skills. "The art of small talk is something you want to be efficient in in the business world," she said.

Not only did Litzinger focus on what to do, but also on what not to do. She warned not to talk too much during the meeting. "You were given one mouth and two ears for a reason. Listen more than talk." She informed students of common dining mistakes as well, which include speaking too loudly, picking your teeth at the table, having cell phones on, eating too slowly or too quickly, or talking with your mouth full of food.

Following the etiquette presentation was a style show, featuring student models who showed proper dress for the business world. The clothes were from stores such as JC Penney's, Jones New York Factory Store, Geoffrey Beene, Haggar Clothing Company, Kaspar ASL Ltd., 9 West Shoes, and Rockport Shoes.

"Modeling was fun. I wanted to model the clothes so the seniors had an opportunity to see what was out there for them. I know when I'm a senior I'll want underclassmen to do the same thing for me," said freshman model Laura Bayuk.

Weapons Inspector speaks at Peace Studies Coffeehouse

by Amy DalBon
Staff Writer

Retired Weapons Inspection Team Chief, Kevin Miller, spoke on Feb. 19 in Ferguson Lobby for the peace studies coffeehouse.

Miller, who graduated from the US Army's Chemical and Biological Weapons Defensive School, led over 50 inspection teams while he was team chief. He served as the Chief of Arms Control Implementation at the US Embassy in Almaty, Kazakstan. He also served as the Arms Control Advisor to US and Air Force Space Command until his retirement in July of 2000. He has also lectured on Arms Control topics at the Air Force Academy and various Weapons of Mass Destruction non-proliferation conferences.

Miller talked to students about how weapons inspections work. The four factors that inspectors generally look for to identify if a plant is being used for weapons production or for legitimate industrial operations include facilities, people, raw materials and incidents that have occurred in the area.

When inspectors check facilities, they look at the equipment purchase. Sometimes the purchase of reactors is a clue that weapons are being produced. Also, if a plant is built in the middle of nowhere and has high security areas, inspectors have reason to be suspicious.

The workers in a plant can also be an indication of weapon production. If they are offered extensive medical benefits, this can be an indication that they are working with hazardous materials.

The third factor inspectors look for is what kinds of raw materials are being bought and what byproducts are being made. While the materials are often all legal chemicals, a plant having large quantities of these materials can tip off inspectors.

The inspectors also investigate whether there have been any health related incidents in the area, such as outbreaks of strange diseases or strange patterns of death. High death rates around a plant can indicate that the plant is producing hazardous material. But, it is still hard to prove whether or not a plant is producing weapons.

"You would never be able to tell if a chemical or biological agent was being made there unless it was being made right in front of you," Miller said.

He then assured students that inspections were important in a situation like the one in Iraq.

"Inspections are one piece of the puzzle," he said.

In addition to studying the physical aspects of a plant, inspectors have the right to interview anyone in the plant. In these interviews, they can get information about what is produced in the plant and what it is used for.

Miller also said that inspections are more of a confidence builder than a detection tool. Just being able to go into another country's plant, look around and talk to workers creates a sense of confidence that any weapons will be disposed of.

John Scott, Technical Director of the theatre department, supports having inspection teams.

"I think it's a great plan to have an expert watching out for the well being of our fellow citizens," he said.

English professors collaborate to publish book on women

by Josh Flaim
Staff Writer

The Bleasby Colloquium, presented by the English department on Feb. 20, featured presenters Dr. Elizabeth Ford and Dr. Deborah Mitchell. They discussed America's obsession with makeovers in society, and focused on how Hollywood has portrayed makeovers throughout the years.

The presentation was based on their collaborative book project, "Do you Really Need Those Glasses?: Hollywood Makeover Movies," scheduled to hit shelves in late spring or early summer 2004. Ford and Mitchell took their audience through a chapter-by-chapter tour of the book. During the presentation, they showed movie clips to illustrate their points. The main theme was society's fascination with transformation.

"It's that moment of transformation where plain Jane or ugly duckling becomes prom queen or beautiful swan," Mitchell said.

They gave examples of the prominence of makeovers in film, and set up comparisons in chapter form. Chapter I, "Charting the Course," compared the films "Now Voyager" and "The Princess Diaries." In this chapter, the theme concerned lead actresses going unnoticed and not wanting makeovers. Ultimately, they end up getting "made over" and growing into their new roles.

Chapter II, "So Many Cinderellas," compared the many Cinderella movies that have been released. The issue of invisibility was a theme throughout most of these films, where the prince does not recognize Cinderella even after he knows he wants to marry her.

The theme of Chapter III, "Teen Makeovers," included films, "Josie and the Pussycats," "She's All That," "Clueless" and "Legally Blonde." A clip from "She's All That" shows the stereotype of a girl with glasses who is invisible to her dream guy, until she gets a haircut and some high heels.

Chapter IV, "The Latter of Class," showcased social movement from makeovers. In "Grease," the girl next door, Olivia Newton John, gets a makeover and becomes a "greaser." In "Pretty Woman," Julia Roberts goes from being a lowly prostitute to a billionaire's wife.

Chapter V, "Pygmalion Problems," addressed a man's desire to create the perfect woman based on beauty alone. Chapter VI, "Midlife Makeovers," explored gradual and more believable makeovers in films.

Ford and Mitchell brainstormed and then researched all of the topics in their book. Through their study, they analyzed what messages these stereotypical makeovers send to society.

"It was kind of like magic," Mitchell said about their process.

"I had a great partner," Ford said. "We just liked talking about it. We probably would have done it even if the room was empty."

Both Ford and Mitchell agreed that the Bleasby Colloquium was a success.

"We thought it went really well. We had so many positive comments about the presentation," Mitchell said.

Theta Chi sponsors Daffodil Days to fund cancer research

Jaime Carter
Staff Writer

The brothers of Theta Chi fraternity will be participating in a fundraiser called "Daffodil Days" during the week of March 17.

The fraternity will be selling daffodils for $10-$25 depending on the amount ordered. They will be sold at the Giant Eagle in Neshannock, at Sky Bank in New Wilmington, and also outside of the cafeteria during meal times. The money raised from sales will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

"The American Cancer Society is a great organization and we hope to offer our help to them each year if we can," said Theta Chi's Public Relations chair, Craig Carlin.

Letters were sent to the parents of female students giving them the opportunity to purchase flowers for their daughters. Once orders are placed, Theta Chi brothers will be delivering the daffodils personally to the girls' dorms during delivery week.

"I have been getting daffodils during "Daffodil Days" every year since I was a freshman, and it is always such a nice surprise when they are delivered to my room!" said junior Stefanie Maccaglia.

Westminster has been participating in "Daffodil Days" for approximately 10 years, and it has always been a great success according to Coral Yova, who heads up daffodil sales in administration, staff and faculty.

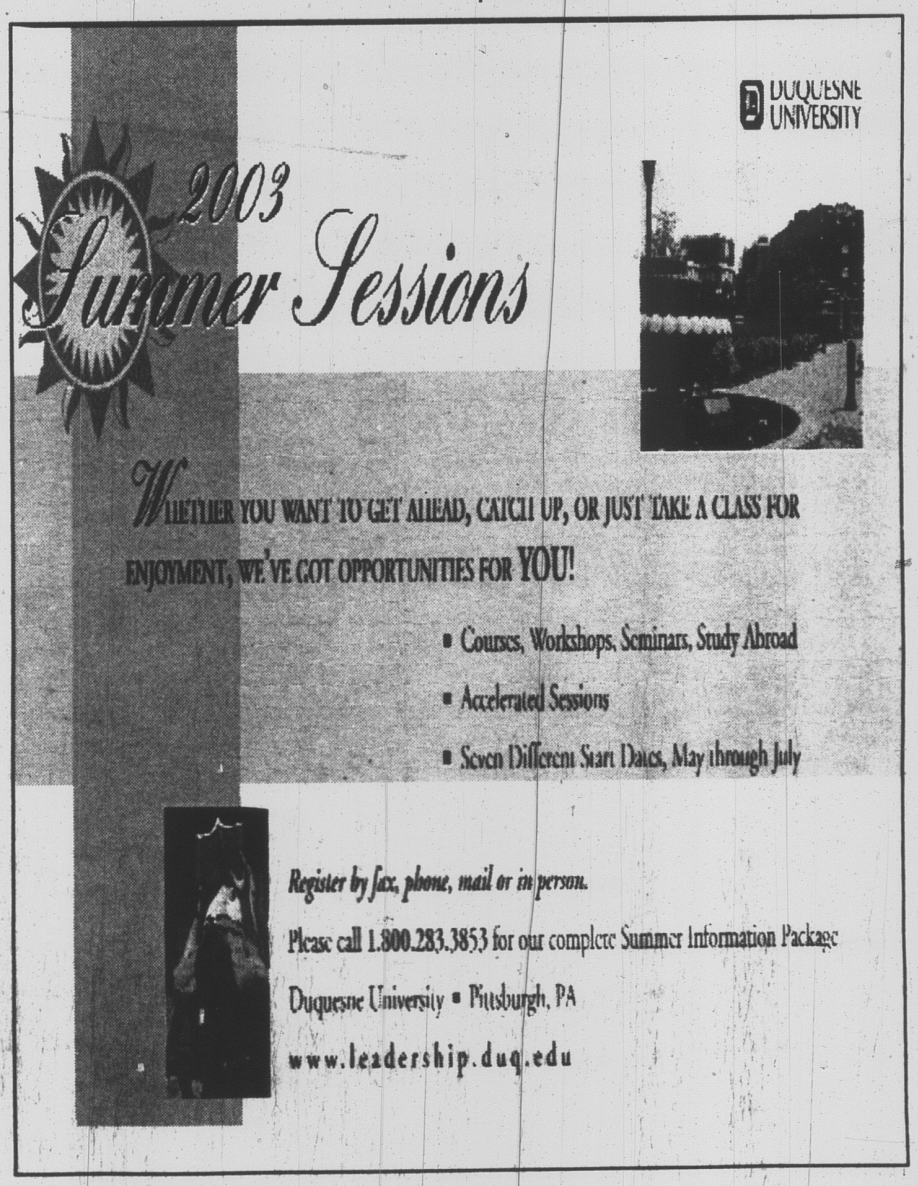
"Westminster has been a real shining star in its participation of Daffodil Days and in its support of the American Cancer Society," said Bruce Bauman, the income development specialist for the local division of the ACS, "Last year alone $3,000 was raised by Westminster faculty and student support."

"This is a great opportunity for Theta Chi to get involved a little bit more in the community and on campus," said Craig Carlin.

The daffodil, one of the first flowers of spring, is used by the ACS as a sign of hope for a cancer-free world.

"Daffodil Days presents a unique opportunity to enjoy beautiful, fresh flowers while making a tremendous impact on the lives of local cancer patients and their families through funds raised for the American Cancer Society's many programs," said Debbie Jaramillo, volunteer chair for Daffodil Days.

Theta Chi also is involved with American Red Cross blood drives, Greek Sweep and Bowl for Kids' Sake.



The Argo celebrates 100 years

by Jessica Bevan
Staff Writer

This year, the Argo yearbook will commemorate the 100th anniversary of its first publication.

The celebration will begin this spring, by displaying pictures and books from the past 100 years around the campus.--

"We're putting up table tents in the TUB and the cafeteria," said junior Argo staff member Melissa Logan. "Each will have 2 pictures representing the same thing, but from 2 different years, for example, the football team in 1987 and the team in 1938."

Argo editor Tiffany Gardiner added that they are also holding a small contest.

"We are also sponsoring a 'Who Cares?' contest, in which students can nominate a professor or faculty member who has shown that he or she really cares about students," Gardiner said. "The winning professor will get a special place in this year's Argo, as well as a gift certificate."

The winning professor won't be the only faculty members to get recognition, either. Professors and instructors will be one of the many features of the 2002-2003 yearbooks. "We are surveying them to find out some fun stuff, like 'Craziest thing in the classroom' or 'Best excuse for missing class,'" Logan said. "We'll also honor retiring and new professors."

The Argo is also trying to incorporate more students into the book, especially seniors. "We are also sending questions to seniors about different experiences they have had in the past," Logan said. "Their answers will be used in the seniors section. We're considering things like 'Your advice to first year students,' 'What will you miss most about Westminster?' and 'Fondest memory.'"

Many students already ordered their yearbook in the fall, but the Argo is planning spring signups. Details on ordering this spring will be finalized soon.

"I'm very excited about this year's book," Gardiner said. "We're trying to capture a different side of Westminster- we're keeping the old but also covering more of student life than ever."

Campus keeps winter travel safe

by Sarah Bowers
Staff Writer

In the wake of the recent snowstorm, treacherous road conditions remain a primary concern for many travelers during their daily commutes.

The grounds crew and public safety crew at Westminster pride themselves on making the safety of the students their number one priority, especially throughout the winter months. Both crews assess the weather forecast. They then plow and salt the campus sidewalks, parking lots, and entranceways before the day's classes begin.

When a winter storm hits, Assistant Dean John Lechner, the director of public safety, goes through a specific checklist to accurately make decisions that will directly impact the travel plans of the college's faculty and students. Lechner wakes up at 4:30 a.m. on the morning of a snowstorm and travels the main highways and back streets to get a feel for the severity of the road and weather conditions.

He then reports to the college at around 5:30 a.m. and meets with interim Dean of Academic Affairs Jesse Mann to discuss if the weather is hazardous enough to close the school. They analyze the amount of snowfall, the speed of the winds, ice conditions, and the amount of drifting snow. Lechner and Mann also take into account the 100 commuter students, the employees that live farther away from the college, and the large number of students who go home on the weekends.

Lechner said he has enormous respect for the amount of time and effort put in by Westminster's Physical Plant. "The Physical Plant at Westminster is better than most. They do a marvelous job," he said.

Steven Connell, the grounds supervisor for the Physical Plant, said the crew watches the weather forecast, determines if and how the weather conditions may worsen, then adjusts accordingly. The crew focuses on plowing and salting all walkways and parking lots as quickly as possible. Connell said illegally parked vehicles slow down this process and become safety hazards. He has asked students not to park in fire zones and entranceways as this could cause students to get critically injured. Every snowstorm presents a new challenge, but Connell feels his crew is capable of handling even the toughest of conditions.

"I want to extend a great deal of credit to the employees on the grounds and custodial staffs for doing an exceptional job," he said.

Some students such as junior Anna Blanchard appreciate the efforts made by the Physical Plant to ensure the safety of the students.

"The immediate notification of bad weather conditions allows me to better prepare for my day," she said.

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Roads can be hazzardous this winter

Your Student Government Association

by Erika Hink
Contributing Writer

Here's what's *going* on this week with your SGA:

The slate debate between Slate Atkins and Slate Huston will take place this Sunday at 8:30 p.m. in Orr Auditorium. Please attend the debate if you have any questions for either slate.

Elections will be held next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. You can vote by secret ballot outside of the dining hall from 11 – 1 p.m., or by email at sga@westminster.edu. If you vote by secret ballot, you must bring your Titan card.

There will be a Food Advisory Committee meeting next Wednesday, March 5 at 11:45 a.m. in the dining hall. Everyone is invited to discuss any issues they have concerning the dining hall.

Dean John Lechner sent his parking problems and proposals to the senate for review. The following suggestions were made by the senate: Change the numbers to two and seven, respectively, in the following proposal – "Ban a student from having a vehicle permit if they accumulate five tickets for parking without a decal, or ten tickets of any nature in an academic year. After the vehicle is banned, it will be towed on sight." The second recommendation made was to strike the following proposal: "Ban-off campus residents within a half-mile radius of the campus from parking on the campus. This could include residents of apartment and four fraternity houses. Tow these vehicles on a second offense." The rest of the suggestions will be discussed at next week's meeting.

Sophomore Kate Duncan was nominated and elected to fill a vacancy in the sophomore senate. She will be sworn in upon acceptance.

The Westminster Ice Hockey team was allocated $345 to cover their costs while they are in the playoffs.

The special events committee is sponsoring a trip to Kennywood on Sunday, May 4. The cost is $10 per ticket and includes the ticket to Kennywood and a ticket for Sandcastle that can be used at a later date. This is normally a $49.90 cost. This year you will have the option of whether or not to ride the bus to Kennywood and back. Check your email to see when you are able to obtain tickets.

The committee is also planning a trip to the Pirates game versus LA on April 27, and either a trip to Toronto to see the Lion King, or an overnight trip to New York City. Finally, Volley Rock is being planned for Saturday, May 3.

As always, the weekly SGA meetings are open to the entire campus community. Join us next Wednesday in Patterson 311 at 7pm. See you at the slate debate!

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the department gets this feedback and the candidates get to experience teaching Westminster students. This system was used previously when hiring the most recent addition to the English department, Dr. Jennifer DiLalla.

"I loved it. It was far and away the highlight of my campus interview," DiLalla said.

"Of all the candidates interviewed, I think Dr. Ade will fit in best with the department," senior participant Amanda Kengersky said. "I see him being able to stay in New Wilmington and invest his time and energy in Westminster."

Though sad to say goodbye to Dr. Macky, the English department feels confident in their choice for the position.

"We agree with the students that any of the three could have done the job well," English and public relations department Chairman James Perkins said. "We believe that Dr. Ade provides us with flexibility and possibility for courses and extra curricular activities that we may well need in the immediate future."

L-R:
Christina Contes (chair)
Amanda Moore
Colter McElree
Chris Portman
Lauren Dado
Chris Argentine
Nikki Beaver
Dennis Buffone

SGA Committee of the Month for December 2002:

Academics

The academics committee is headed by Christina Contes, and the main event they are responsible for is the College Bowl, which was a big success this year! The academics committee is also responsible for reporting back to the Senate about what went on in Faculty Standing Boards and Committee meetings. The committee is planning a second College Bowl, which will take place later in this semester. Contes said that her committee has been amazing especially with all the help planning the college bowls. "I couldn't have done it without them and they all deserve this award," she said.

CONGRATULATIONS ACADEMICS COMMITTEE!

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

PSU shooter now in mental institution

ALTOONA, Pa. (AP) A State College woman who shot two people, killing one, on Penn State University's main campus in 1996 has testified that she went to campus to kill herself, then snapped and started firing at other people.

In a deposition taken in a civil lawsuit, Jillian Robbins said she had long been haunted by mental illness.

In the deposition filed recently in Blair County court, Robbins said she was "depressed beyond description" when she took a rifle to campus on Sept. 16, 1996. The contents of the deposition, taken in November, were reported by the Altoona Mirror for Sunday editions.

Robbins, who was a 19-year-old State College resident but not a Penn State student, said she was suffering from mental illness and depression. Robbins said she thought about killing others and herself after washing out of the Army Reserves, struggling with her marriage and having an abortion.

"I just couldn't manage myself any more," she testified. "I was tired, I was depressed beyond description and I gave up."

In her deposition, Robbins said she took the rifle to campus with the intention of shooting herself, but became enraged when she saw students walking around.

That's when Robbins - afraid that someone would interrupt her suicide attempt - opened fire, killing 21-year-old Melanie Spalla, a senior from Altoona, and wounding Nicholas Mensah, a 27-year-old student from Philadelphia, before another student, 19-year-old Brendon Malovrh, tackled Robbins and took away the rifle.

"She was just too close," Robbins said of Spalla. "I was still afraid that someone would discover me and I wouldn't get to kill myself. I just shot her. Then all the rage let loose and I started firing. I got down. I was lying down, and I fired three more shots at a group of students walking on the sidewalk. ... I wasn't firing at anyone in particular, just shooting at whatever person happened to be handy."

In May 1998, Robbins pleaded guilty to third-degree murder in a deal that spared her from facing the death penalty. She was sentenced to 30 to 60 years in prison.

Spalla's parents, Michael and Patricia Spalla of Altoona, filed a lawsuit in 1998 claiming that therapists and others should have known the danger Robbins posed and prevented her from acting out violently. The lawsuit named as defendants psychologist Wilbur Wadlington, psychiatrist Dr. Katherine A. Thompson, the Meadows Psychiatric Center in Centre Hall, Penn State University, and Robbins father, Daniel Robbins, of DuBois.

Blair County Judge Jolene G. Kopriva has yet to rule on motions that would dismiss Penn State and Daniel Robbins as defendants.

Robbins is being held at the State Correctional Institution in Muncy, where she said in the deposition that she was no longer plagued by alternate personalities.

Prescription drug battle ensues

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Senior citizens and Canadian pharmacists rallied outside GlaxoSmithKline's offices to protest the pharmaceutical company's policy to cut supplies to wholesalers and pharmacies that export drugs to Americans.

About 25 protesters waving signs outside Glaxo's Philadelphia offices claimed the company was putting profits ahead of patients' health. Similar protests were also planned Thursday in St. Paul, Minn., New York and San Francisco.

Andrew Yan, head pharmacist of CanadaMeds.com in Winnipeg, Manitoba, said the cuts have forced him to buy the same prescription drugs from other suppliers, which hikes prices and slows deliveries to America.

"There's a lot of anxiety from our customers that we simply cannot continue to provide them with their medications," Yan said. "There's also the fear that other drug companies will follow Glaxo on this."

Concerns about potential counterfeiting and product safety prompted Glaxo to end shipments to Canadian companies selling drugs to Americans in January, company spokeswoman Nancy Pekarek said.

"We understand the concerns that seniors have over access and affordability of medicines," she said. "We do not believe the way to handle those issues is to send seniors across the border. What we would rather see happen is to see seniors call for Medicare prescription drug benefits in the U.S."

Thousands of Americans, especially senior citizens on limited incomes, buy prescription drugs from Canadian pharmacies, where prices are lower due to government regulations.

Polly Friedman, 70, said the policy made her feel like a victim of not only breast cancer but also corporate greed.

"This is the lowest kind of blackmail," Friedman said.

Man suspected of terrorism

PHILADELPHIA (AP) An Indonesian man arrested after he photographed a city bridge on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks was sentenced to six months in prison Monday for visa violations and lying about where he lived.

Iman Radito, 27, whose lawyer described him as an aspiring photographer, apologized to U.S. District Judge Timothy J. Savage for his conduct.

"I love this country," he said.

Savage also fined Radito $5,000 and ordered him deported after he completes his jail term.

Radito, who entered the United States legally in 1997 but failed to leave after his visa expired, was stopped by police for taking pictures of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, the span connecting the city's historic district to Camden, N.J.

Prosecutors said Radito had phony immigration documents and lied about where he lived after he was detained.

He attracted extra attention after investigators learned that he had briefly attended a flight school in Florida.

Radito's attorney, Edson Bostic, said his client took snapshots of the bridge because of his interest in photography, and only misled investigators about his address because he feared punishment for living and working in the country illegally.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Nancy Beam Winter said agents had no evidence that Radito was connected to a terrorist plot, but were concerned that he lied about his activities in the United States.

"It's his lies that made us suspect him," she said.

Regional Briefs

Federal government debuts new computer program

PITTSBURGH (AP) The federal government debuted a computer program that could help state agencies, mining companies and watershed groups attack the problem of mine drainage.

The U.S. Office of Surface Mining unveiled the program called "AMDTreat" last week, saying it helps assess mine water quality, discharge rates, chemical costs and suitable treatment programs. It can also produce cost estimates for new or existing cleanup projects.

"This program is a much more economical way to determine treatment project costs for watershed organizations, most of which don't have deep pockets," said Vann Weaver, who works with the federal agency's Pittsburgh office.

Tim Danehy, who owns a company that designs mine water treatment systems for watershed groups, told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for a story Monday that the new program gives organizations a better method of figuring out exactly how much treatment measures will cost.

Since the start of modern mining regulation in 1977, the federal agency says it has counted 2,400 mine discharges that have threatened water quality in streams and rivers.

Rendell donates millions to city clean up project

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) Gov. Ed Rendell on Monday authorized the early release of $257 million to go toward buying fuel to help the state's cities and towns clean up after severe winter weather.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is scheduled to release the money to all 2,566 municipalities in the state beginning March 14. The payments normally begin after April 1.

The early release would allow cities and towns to pay some bills earlier, said Allen D. Biehler, the acting PennDOT secretary. The municipalities can use the money to purchase fuel for trucks help clean up snow and other materials.

Revenue for the payments is generated from a portion of the state gasoline tax.

Snowiest February on record

PITTSBURGH (AP) Pittsburgh is experiencing the snowiest February on record, the National Weather Service said Monday.

A light snowfall Monday morning and early afternoon brought this month's total snowfall to 25 inches, breaking a February record of 24.2 inches set in 1972, meteorologist Bob Reed said.

"We're not done making snow yet. There could be more on the way Wednesday night or Thursday," Reed said. "This is a little on the high side, but this is typical. It's not been a terribly unusual winter."

Also Monday, the weather service canceled a flood warning for the Monongahela River in western Pennsylvania because its waters receded below flood stage.

The river at Charleroi and Elizabeth crested above flood stage around 9 p.m. Sunday and continued to recede Monday afternoon, meteorologists said.

Car accident kills woman helping another driver

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) A Canadian trucker has pleaded guilty to two summary offenses in an accident that killed a woman who had stopped to help another driver.

Stanislaw Karas, 33, of Niagara Falls, Ontario, pleaded guilty on Feb. 10 to careless driving and disregard for traffic lanes. He paid $178 in fines and court costs, but did not get any prison or probation time, said Rohn Confer, of the Lycoming County District Attorney's office.

Karas was traveling east on Interstate 180 on Oct. 22 when he hit a car that had stopped along the highway, pushing that car into two women. Beth Marie Egli, 20, was killed in the crash.

Egli had stopped to help Dorothy Johnson, of Muncy, who pulled her car to the side of the road after hitting a deer. Johnson was hospitalized for several weeks as a result of the two accidents.

NATIONAL

Jury accussed of racial bias

WASHINGTON (AP) The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that a black death row inmate deserves a new chance to press his claim that prosecutors stacked his jury with whites and death penalty supporters.

The 8-1 ruling is a rare example of the conservative-leaning court agreeing that a death row inmate may have been treated unfairly at trial.

Thomas Miller-El claims Dallas County prosecutors had a long history of excluding blacks from juries on the theory they were more likely to side with a black defendant.

Miller-El's lawyers said Dallas prosecutors were once specifically trained to get rid of minority juror candidates because "they almost always empathize with the accused."

"Irrespective of whether the evidence could prove sufficient to support a charge of systematic exclusion of African-Americans, it reveals that the culture of the district attorney's office in the past was suffused with bias against African-Americans in jury selection," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote.

Kennedy was joined by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, David Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer.

Justice Clarence Thomas, the court's only black member, dissented. He said Miller-El did not prove black jurors were excluded because of their race.

Death penalty cases have been among the most divisive on the court, though the split among justices isn't the same in all cases.

Last year, the most conservative justices dissented when the court voted 6-3 to exempt the mentally retarded from the death penalty. An unlikely alliance of seven justices, conservative and liberal, voted last year to overturn the capital punishment laws of states in which judges, not juries, had the final say over whether to sentence someone to death.

Miller-El had been scheduled to die last year for the 1985 murder of a 25-year-old hotel clerk, but the execution was put on hold when the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case. A second clerk, who was wounded and permanently paralyzed from the chest down, identified Miller-El as his attacker at trial.

Eight justices said Miller-El should have been given an opportunity to present his racial bias claim during his federal appeals. The court's action does not mean Miller-El will ultimately win his case, only that he gets a new hearing.

Still, Jim Marcus, one of Miller-El's lawyers, called the decision a significant victory.

The court majority said prosecutors used their power to strike potential jurors in removing nine out of 10 blacks eligible to sit on Miller-El's 1986 jury. Prosecutors had 14 chances to strike jurors without explaining why, and used 10 of them to exclude blacks, the court noted.

"Happenstance is unlikely to produce this disparity," the justices said.

The justices also noted that blacks and whites were questioned differently about their views on the death penalty. Most blacks heard a detailed account of what would happen to Miller-El when he was executed, and then were asked whether they could vote to execute someone. Only 6 percent of white potential jurors were given the same information.

In a separate case Tuesday, the Bush administration urged the court to put new limits on federal appeals involving claims of bad lawyering, an issue in many death row cases.

Joseph Massaro, the convicted hit man at the center of the argument, should not be given a new round of appeals to claim he was poorly represented, the government said. Massaro, who was sentenced to life in prison, did not make that claim in his initial appeals.

In speeches, Ginsburg and O'Connor have expressed concern about the quality of lawyers available to poor defendants facing the death penalty, but the court has recently sided with prosecutors in two cases involving bad lawyer claims. Another such case comes before the court next month.

Massaro's case will be decided later this year.

The cases are Miller-El v. Cockrell, 01-7662 and Massaro v. United States, 02-1559.

Federal mail theft subjected to public humiliation

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) A man indicted on federal mail theft charges was sentenced to spend 100 hours outside a San Francisco post office wearing a sign reading: "I have stolen mail. This is my punishment," the U.S. attorney's office said Tuesday.

Shawn Gementera, 24, was also sentenced to two months in prison and three years of supervised release by U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker.

The prison term followed by the stigma of having to wear the sandwich board in public would emphasize that stealing mail is a serious offense, Walker said during sentencing.

Dan De Miglio, spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service, said he had not heard of the ruling and could not comment on it specifically. He said the postal service did not have a say in the sentence, adding that he had never heard of anyone being punished in that way for stealing mail.

"You mail a letter, you expect a certain level of sanctity," De Miglio said. "Folks who violate that violate America and violate all that America stands for."

According to the plea agreement, Gementera admitted that in May 2001 he would drive around San Francisco and Burlingame, stop and steal mail from boxes at homes and apartment buildings.

When Gementera was arrested he had 42 pieces of stolen mail, including a U.S. Treasury check for $1,525, the U.S. attorney's office said.

Hazardous waste plant connected with crystal meth

PHOENIX (AP) Authorities raided a Phoenix hazardous waste plant Tuesday morning and made more than 30 arrests in connection with the investigation of a nationwide, multimillion dollar methamphetamine ring.

Investigators suspect employees at Innovative Waste Utilization LLC sold chemicals used to make meth. In some cases, employees allegedly were directly involved in making the meth.

Innovative Waste Utilization disposes of chemical byproducts from high-tech software industries. It also handles the disposal of pseudoephedrine, red phosphorous, and iodine - other chemicals used to produce meth, a stimulant drug.

Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard said the investigation has resulted in 500 tons of meth being taken off the streets.

"Arizona is a safer place tonight than it was this morning," Goddard said Tuesday.

The company was also indicted for fraud, conspiracy and conducting a criminal enterprise, Goddard said.

On Tuesday, employees at the Phoenix plant were held in plastic handcuffs while agents searched the property.

Additionally, 11 search warrants were issued in Ohio and a warrant was issued at Waste Utilization's headquarters in Montclair, Calif. Raids were also conducted at a suspected meth lab in Cashion and several homes in Phoenix.

"(The company) facilitated in successful distribution of the drug," said DEA spokesman Jim Molesa. Molesa said the 500 pound estimate was "very conservative" and "may even double."

Innovative Waste officials in Phoenix could not be reached. Company officials in California ignored interview requests, as did Phoenix lawyers representing the company.

According to a federal indictment, employees would acquire the drug from sources in Arizona and Colorado and would then transfer it. Molesa said meth shipments to Greeley, Colo., and Dayton, Ohio were allegedly sent in trade for marijuana.

Authorities have seized control of the plant. Law enforcement officers and Environmental Protection Agency officials said it would take days to inspect the property and check for falsified labels, shipping records, and disposal activities.

The investigation took over a year and began with a local suburban police department. Eventually, more than a dozen agencies in several states were involved.

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is responsible for regulating the plant. ADEQ spokesman Pat Gibbons said that inspections in September 2002 and February 2001 resulted in no major hazardous waste infractions.

However, an official involved with the investigation told the Associated Press that the ADEQ was initially invited to be part of the criminal investigation but declined.

Gibbons said ADEQ Director Steve Owens was unaware of the investigation until Tuesday morning.

For years Phoenix residents and city officials have protested the expansion of the plant, expressing health and safety concerns for nearby neighborhoods.

"(The company) betrayed that community, they lied to them," said Phoenix City Councilman Doug Linger, a staunch opponent of the plant expansion. "They told the community 'We want to be a good neighbor.' They didn't say 'Now we're going to sell drugs to your kids."

The Phoenix City Council attempted to prohibit expansion of the facility by changing zoning ordinances but ADEQ approved a permit allowing the plant to expand the amount of toxic waste it can accept.

"We smelled a rat, we just didn't know what the rat was," Linger said. "The state and the EPA have to accept responsibility for not requiring the kind of monitoring that would have uncovered this."

National Briefs

Earthquake in Big Bear

BIG BEAR CITY, Calif. (AP) A pair of small earthquakes shook the San Bernardino Mountains Monday night, two days after the area was struck by a magnitude-5.4 earthquake. There were no reports of damage or injuries.

A magnitude-3.0 temblor was centered about 3 miles north of Big Bear City, according to data from the U.S. Geological Survey. It was followed by a 4.5-magnitude quake centered 4 miles north of the city.

Aftershocks have rumbled in the area following Saturday's quake.

Big Bear City is about 90 miles east of Los Angeles.

Oldest American man dies

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) The oldest living American man died Monday from heart failure. He was 113.

John McMorran, of Lakeland, considered coffee his elixir and quit cigars at age 97. He was born June 19, 1889, in a log cabin in Michigan. He was the fourth-oldest person in the world.

He briefly held the title of the nation's oldest person, but researchers confirmed Mary Christian of San Pablo, Calif., was born June 12, 1889, according to the California-based Gerontology Research Group, a nonprofit collection of volunteer demographers.

The oldest person in the world is 115-year-old Kamato Hongo of Japan. She was born Sept. 16, 1887, according to the research group.

McMorran's eyesight failed in his final years, and people needed to shout for him to hear them. Otherwise, relatives said, he enjoyed good health until last week, when he was taken to Lakeland Regional Medical Center for complications related to pneumonia.

"He was never sick," a 35-year-old great-granddaughter, Lisa Saxton, told The Ledger of Lakeland. "He lived a great life. Obviously, he was well put together. He smoked cigars, drank beer and ate greasy food. He was an amazing man."

Store owner tackles robber

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) The owner of a tobacco shop foiled a robbery by tackling the 19-year-old man as he left the store after a customer entered the store.

Travis Jamar Johnson, who police said was carrying an unloaded handgun during the robbery attempt, was charged Monday with first-degree robbery after his arrest.

Discount Tobacco Outlet manager Michael McCain tackled Johnson as he left the store. Johnson suffered cuts and bruises.

"I held him down and hit him a few times and told him he needed to get a job," McCain told The Tuscaloosa News for a Monday story.

McCain, who said Johnson was a regular customer, said he didn't believe Johnson when he said 'This is a robbery.'

But then Johnson lifted up his shirt and showed McCain a .380-caliber pistol in the waist band of his pants. Police later determined the gun was unloaded and stolen.

When he saw the gun, McCain hurried from behind the counter into a storage room and shut the door. From there, he could watch a surveillance monitor as he called police.

McCain watched Johnson step behind the counter briefly and turn to leave the store as a customer walked in.

That's when McCain emerged from the back room and jumped on Johnson as he walked out of the store.

Aggressive response to harmless package

SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) A suspicious box dropped from a vehicle near the Burlington International Airport prompted responses by emergency crews and the evacuation of nearby homes, but the parcel turned up empty.

Authorities said their aggressive response, which included calling in the Vermont State Police bomb squad, was caused in part by the fact that the country is on an orange - or high threat - security alert.

The incident occurred on Shamrock Road, which authorities closed off at both ends for much of the day Monday.

After the bomb squad was called in, the box was opened and found to be empty.

Police described the box as a storage safe, and said its disposal may have been tied to a crime.

South Burlington police asked anyone with information about a missing safe to contact them.

Police grow beards for kids' sake

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (AP) If things are getting "hairy" at the police department, it's a good thing.

The force is sporting the facial stubble in a friendly competition to raise money for a "No Limits" youth program. The program uses martial arts to teach at-risk children discipline and life skills.

Any officer taking part in the beard-growing contest donates $5 to a kitty, Police Chief Martin Gutschenritter said. So far, 14 are in.

Police have started an interagency competition and officers will accept competition from anyone who wants to donate to the cause, Capt. Jim Agler said.

Officers have three months to grow the facial hair with judging to be held in two categories, goatee and full beard.

Gutschenritter said it has not been determined who will do the judging, and maybe the public can help.

SGA Senator of the Month for December 2002:

Courtney Hoover

Courtney is a New Wilmington native with a major in political science and a minor in criminal justice. As a member of the finance committee, her biggest contribution to SGA was picking out and helping puchase new furniture for the library. Courtney said that SGA has helped her to see that the students at Westminster can make a difference when they work hard and get others involved. "I think that senator of the month is a great award for people who put forth extra effort. But if it wasn't for the support of my committee and Drew Huston especially, we would not be getting the new furniture in the library," she said.

CONGRATULATIONS COURTNEY!

INTERNATIONAL

Homosexuals in Egypt face prosecution

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) Thirteen Egyptian men have been arrested in Cairo for homosexuality and turned over to the prosecutor, a security official said Tuesday.

The 13 suspects were arrested in a rented apartment while practicing sex, the official said on condition of anonymity. They were arrested within the last week, though the exact day was uncertain.

The suspects were jailed pending investigation. The prosecutor is expected on Saturday to either extend their detention or charge them with debauchery and homosexuality, the official said.

Wafd newspaper, an opposition mouthpiece, reported Monday that the arrested men included university students and hotel employees. The apartment belonged to the owner of a travel agency.

The newspaper said the detainees did not deny that they are homosexuals.

Though not explicitly referred to in the Egyptian penal code, a wide range of laws covering obscenity, prostitution and debauchery are applied to homosexuals. Islam, the religion of 90 percent of Egyptians, prohibits homosexuality.

In the last two years, dozens of homosexuals have been detained and convicted.

In the largest case, state security arrested 52 homosexuals on a floating restaurant on the Nile River in November 2001. The country's emergency court sentenced 23 of the defendants to two years in prison, and the two suspected leaders were sentenced to three and five years in prison. The others were acquitted.

Appeals from the emergency court, which was created by 1981 laws to protect against threats to national security, is limited.

Turkey complying with United States

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) Turkey's governing party struggled to persuade reluctant lawmakers to back the politically unpopular move of letting more than 60,000 U.S. troops into Turkey for possible war with Iraq.

Justice and Development Party leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who is expected to speak with lawmakers at a party meeting Wednesday, said lawmakers would not be bound to vote as a bloc. He also said he expected lawmakers to back the government.

Rejecting the U.S. request for troops to use Turkish bases could jeopardize relations with Washington.

"I believe you will make the final decision and take your steps without the need for a group decision," Erdogan said Tuesday. .

Parliament could vote as early as Wednesday on a Cabinet backed-proposal authorizing the deployment of U.S. combat troops along with 255 warplanes and 65 helicopters to Turkey. Washington wants to use Turkey to open a northern front against Iraq and has been demanding a quick answer, putting Turkish officials under intense pressure.

U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said Tuesday time is running short for Turkey to approve the proposal.

"We're very close to the go/no-go point," Wolfowitz said on the U.S. Fox News Channel.

Turks are overwhelmingly opposed to war and there is expected to be a sharp debate in the ruling Justice and Development Party on whether to follow the Cabinet's lead.

Deputy Prime Minister Ertugrul Yalcinbayir has openly hinted he would vote against allowing the troops in, saying he would use his "freedom as a legislator."

"If it is not approved, democracy would be strengthened," he said.

Most analysts predict the measure will pass. Though many Cabinet members expressed reservations about the bill, all signed the proposal.

Rejecting the bill would almost certainly mean losing U.S. support at a time when Turkey is starting to emerge from a deep recession.

Washington's support has been crucial in winning loans from the International Monetary Fund and the United States has pushed Turkey's candidacy at the European Union.

"The important thing is our national interests," said legislator Erdogan Ozegen, who expressed support for the bill. Parliament will make "a decision not to put our country and people into trouble."

U.S. and Turkish negotiators have been hammering out an multi-billion dollar U.S. aid package of loans and grants that would ease the economic impact of an Iraq war on Turkey.

Erdogan's stance "is a way of anticipating those who will vote against (the authorization)," said Ilter Turan, a political scientist at Istanbul Bilgi University. "He has the majority . . . the question is the extent of the split."

Parliament is not expected to vote before U.S. and Turkish negotiators have reached final agreement on the military, political, and economic terms of a deployment.

Sticking points have included the command structure in northern Iraq where Turkey plans to deploy its own troops, the future government of Iraq, and the size of the aid package.

The legislation before parliament would also authorize tens of thousands Turkish troops to enter northern Iraq in case of war.

Turkey fears refugees could flood into the country and fears Iraqi Kurds could declare an independent state, spurring Kurdish rebels in Turkey to renew their 15-year battle in southeastern Turkey.

North Korea citizens "prepare for war"

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) North Korea urged its military and people to be ready for a U.S. attack, a South Korean news agency reported Wednesday, quoting a statement from the communist government.

The North's Foreign Ministry issued a statement late Tuesday accusing the United States of planning massive war games in the Korean Peninsula in preparation to attack North Korea, Yonhap news agency said.

"The United States can launch a pre-emptive attack on us at any time," the North Korean statement said, according to Yonhap. "This requires our military and people to mobilize all our resources to be fully ready for any contingencies." The North did not elaborate.

The statement came hours after South Korea's new president, Roh Moo-hyun, was sworn in Tuesday, calling on North Korea to give up its nuclear ambitions in return for help from the international community in rebuilding its moribund economy.

North Korea is in the middle of its annual winter training military exercise.

North Korea fired a short-range, anti-ship missile into the sea between the Korean peninsula and Japan on Monday, raising tensions in the region already roiled by the nuclear standoff.

During the 1993-94 nuclear crisis in the peninsula, North Korea put its 1.1 million-member military, the world's fifth largest, on war footing and moved much of its military into underground tunnels.

International Briefs

Vietnam Kingpin goes to trial

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam (AP) The reputed kingpin of the city's underworld appeared in court Tuesday in Vietnam's largest-ever corruption trial.

Truong Van Cam, better known as Nam Cam, is charged with murder, giving bribes, gambling and sheltering criminals. He faces the death penalty if convicted.

The case is the largest to ever reach Vietnam's courts. It involves 154 other defendants, including three high-ranking officials.

The nation has been closely following every development since Nam Cam's arrest in December 2001.

They finally got their chance to see the infamous gangster on television during an unusual national live broadcast of the trial.

Up to a dozen other defendants also face death sentences or life imprisonment for murder and giving bribes. About 70 were expected to be called before the judge during the trial's opening day.

China to begin filling Three Gorges Dam

BEIJING (AP) China will begin filling the reservoir behind its mammoth Three Gorges Dam this summer, blocking tourist and commercial vessels from the area for two months, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Tuesday.

All shipping will be banned in areas surrounding the 632-square-kilometer (244-square-mile) Yangtze river reservoir from April 10 to June 15, Xinhua quoted the Ministry of Communications as saying.

The partially completed Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest hydroelectric project, is to start producing power this year and is to expand its capacity through 2009.

Construction began in 1993 and is expected to be completed by 2009 when 26 power-generating units with a combined capacity of 18.2 million kilowatts will be in operation.

The project has caused controversy because of the mass relocation of villages and citizens involved.

The project on the Yangtze, the world's third-largest waterway, has cost 89.6 billion yuan (US$10.8 billion) so far, Xinhua said. Interest payments and inflation are expected to push the total cost of the project to 180 billion yuan (US$22 billion) by 2009, Xinhua said, citing statistics with the China Yangtze Three Gorges Project Co.

More than 17,800 million cubic meters (630,000 million cubic feet) of cement has gone into the dam's wall.

New Zealand does not approve

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) New Zealand does not support a second resolution submitted to the U.N. Security Council by the United States and Britain that seeks approval for war against Iraq, Prime Minister Helen Clark said Tuesday.

The resolution declares that Saddam Hussein has missed "the final opportunity" to disarm peacefully and indicates he must now face the consequences. It was circulated Monday by the United States, Britain and Spain.

New Zealand is not a member of the 15-nation Security Council, but Clark said her government would not give diplomatic backing to the resolution.

"No, certainly not," she said.

"What we are saying is that we support all diplomatic means to resolve the crisis," she said, including initiatives coming from other members of the Security Council.

Security Council members France, Russia and Germany have submitted a new proposal aimed at a step-by-step disarmament of Iraq and a peaceful resolution of the crisis over at least five months.

Iraq has until March 1 to comply with the requests of chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix.

"What we say to Iraq again is the only way to avert war is to comply in full," Clark said.

SPORTS

WC Cagers defeat W&J in play offs

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On Tuesday, February 2003, senior center Greg Foster and senior guard Jeff Simmons, played their last game at Buzz Ridl gymnasium, where the Titan cagers defeated Washington and Jefferson in the first round of the President's Athletic Conference championship playoffs.

Foster contributed 18 points, 6 rebounds and a lone blocked shot, while Simmons added 18 points, 4 rebounds, and a fierce defensive effort, guarding W & J's talented and acclaimed guard Nolan Larry.

"We came out here tonight and just wanted to play at our tempo and play our game," Foster said. "I think we did that, because Jeff [Simmons] played tight defense and Craig [Bohyer] was unreal from behind the arc."

Though Foster and Simmons played well in their final home game, the night belonged to sophomore guard Craig Bohyer. Bohyer scored all of his points from three-point range, tallying 18, while shooting 6 of 7 from long distance.

Westminster played a solid first half, limiting W & J's Larry to 11 points. In the first half, the Titans' three-point shooting enabled them to earn a 40-31 halftime advantage. For the half, Bohyer nailed 4 three-point field goals, while Simmons and sophomore guard/forward Pat O'Connor each contributed 2 three-pointers.

In the second half, the Titans used the length of their bench and applied the pressure on the Presidents. Early in the half, the Presidents made an early surge, cutting the Titan lead to 48-42. However, the Titans rallied and with eight minutes remaining in the game, the score was 66-48.

"I think that we played about as complete a game as we have all season," O'Connor said. "We played two halves of basketball, and because of that we walked away with a huge win."

NCAA March Madness heating up sports fans

by Steve Brink
Sports Writer

Three weeks from today the NCAA tournament will be well underway. March Madness may be the single biggest event in all of sports, with the exception of the Super Bowl. But why is it so popular? Why do we fill out countless brackets and sit glued to our TV screens for three weeks straight?

From the time they tip-off in November, to the time the conference play starts and we hear the first use of the phrase "Bubble team," all the way up until the nets are cut down in early April, sports fans just can't get enough of all the passion, play-making, analysis, and upsets that make college basketball so much fun to watch. In the words of ESPN analyst Dick Vitale, "It's awesome baby!"

February is the time of year that every college basketball fan loves. Who's in and who's out? There are some teams that are "locks" to make the field of 65 and others are on that ever-so-stressful bubble.

The debate over who should be a number one is a hot topic these days. Arizona and Kentucky are obvious choices, but who are the other two #1s? Barring a horrendous collapse in the final two weeks of the regular season, I think the two available spots will go to Florida, and either the Oklahoma Sooners or the Texas Longhorns.

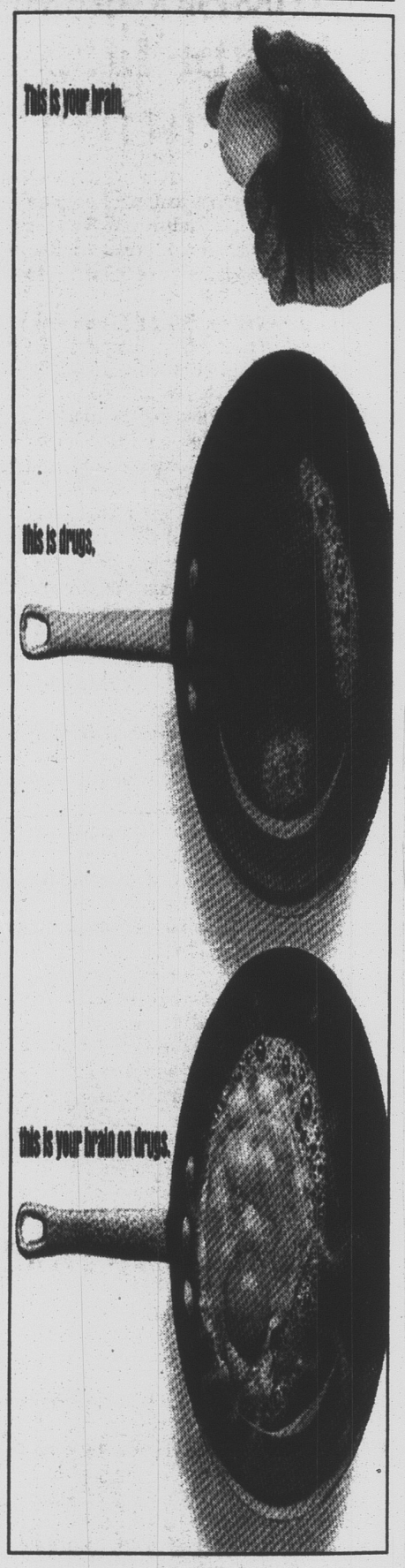
Florida has a couple tough road games and a huge match-up with Kentucky on March 8. If Florida can win two out of those three games and have a good showing in the conference tournament, there's no doubt they should be a number one seed. The other available spot is too tough to determine now. Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas all have a legitimate shot at getting the last #1. The loser of the OU v. Texas game will probably drop to a two seed, but I think whoever wins the Big 12 conference tournament will end up being the final #1.

Late February is also the time for many college basketball teams to secure a National Collegiate Athletic Association bid, or possibly even lose it. Coming down the stretch, Connecticut was in the bubble conservation and really needed to strengthen its resume for the tournament. Well, it couldn't have worked out more perfectly for the team. On Monday night, UCONN went to South Bend, Indiana and secured an NCAA berth with a huge road win at #10 Notre Dame. Connecticut was immediately declared a "lock" to make the tournament.

It's amazing how one game can erase weeks of frustration and put Connecticut right where it wanted to be. So many teams have the opportunity to place in the field of 65, but they just cannot capitalize. One solid road win or an upset over a nationally ranked team is sometimes is all one needs to get out of the bubble. Texas Tech is another team that may have played in the tournament with its big road win at Oklahoma State on Monday night.

Unlike Connecticut and Texas Tech, some teams couldn't win on the road if their lives depended on it. Michigan State and Indiana are both 1-6 on the road in the Big Ten conference. Also, both teams are currently on the bubble and in desperate need of a marquee win. So many teams in other conferences are just like them. With a week and a half left in the regular season, the average teams in the power conferences really need to make a push if they have dreams of the NCAAs, and not the National Invitational Tournament.

Like every year, it will be interesting to see how the season plays out in the final three weeks before March Madness begins. Which team will pull off a few upsets and unexpectedly win the conference tournament? Which bubble that you thought was a lock, will be left out? Right now, no one knows for sure. But we can't wait to find out!



Sports briefs

Westminster Swim Teams

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa - The Westminster College men's and women's swimming teams have qualified 10 individuals for the 2003 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Open Championships, which will take place Friday-Sunday, Feb. 28-March 2 at the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pa. Seven Titan men's swimmers and three Lady Titan swimmers have posted times making them eligible for individual competition. In addition, Westminster will compete in nine relay events (five for men, four for women), with the Lady Titans sending three extra swimmers to compete in relays only.

For the men, leading the way is the senior trio of Jim Mann (Indiana/The Kiski School), Seth Bontrager (Elkhart, IN/Concord H.S.) and Craig Guthoerl (Bethel Park/Bethel Park H.S.). Mann has qualified for the 100 &200 backstroke and 200 IM. Bontrager is eligible for the 100 & 200 butterfly and 200 & 400 IM. Guthoerl will swim in the 100 & 200 breaststroke and 500 freestyle. Other Titan qualifiers include junior Matt Buzard (Massillon, OH/Massillon-Washington H.S.) in the 50, 100 & 200 freestyle; sophomore Luke Downer (Daytona Beach, FL/Warner Christian H.S.) in the 200, 500 & 1650 freestyle; freshman Josh Hensler (Pittsburgh/South Park H.S.) in the 100 & 200 breaststroke and 200 & 400 IM; and freshman Nate Horrell (Ligonier/Ligonier Valley H.S.) in the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly.

The women will be led by senior Stefanie King (Ashville, NY/Panama Central H.S.), who will compete in the 100 & 200 breaststroke. She will be joined by juniors Brittany Jardine (Allison Park/North Allegheny H.S.) and Megan Lytle (Clearfield/Clearfield H.S.). Jardine is eligible for the 50 freestyle, 100 & 200 butterfly and 400 IM, while Lytle has qualified for the 50 & 100 freestyle and 100 butterfly. Swimming in relays only will be senior Amanda Zelechoski (Johnsonburg/Elk County Christian H.S.) and freshmen Amy Pohodich (Bethel Park/Bethel Park H.S.) and Kelly Rovnak (Jeannette/Penn-Trafford H.S.).

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FIRST ROUND GAMES

First Round Game #1 - Waynesburg, Pa. - #6 Bethany 82, #3 WAYNESBURG 74

Bethany scores an upset in the opening round, as the sixth-seeded Bison kept alive their hopes for a third consecutive PAC Men's Basketball title with an eight-point victory at third-seeded Waynesburg. Senior G Mike Majzun (Youngstown, OH/Struthers H.S.) bucketed a game-high 28 points for the victors. Freshman G Jacob Dailer (Wheeling, WV/Wheeling Central H.S.) added 17 points off the bench, while freshman F Matt Drahos (Wheeling, WV/John Marshall H.S.) and senior F Derek Hoffman (St. Clairsville, OH/St. Clairsville H.S.)each tallied double-doubles. Drahos posted 16 points and 13 rebounds, while Hoffman added 13 points and 13 boards. Seniors Jake Marcoux (Rockville, MD/Rockville H.S.) and Ray Robinson (Uniontown, PA/Uniontown H.S.) each posted 17 points in the loss for Waynesburg, with Marcoux also hauling in a game- and career-high 21 rebounds.

First Round Game #2 - New Wilmington, Pa. - #4 WESTMINSTER 85, #5 Washington & Jefferson 64

The Titans made a successful debut in their first-ever PAC Tournament appearance, taking a nine-point (40-31) halftime lead before building a double-digit advantage in the second half. Three Westminster players led the team in scoring with 18 points each: seniors Greg Foster (Girard, OH/Ursuline H.S.) and Jeff Simmons (Somerset, PA/Somerset H.S.) and sophomore Craig Bohyer (Warren, OH/Warren G. Harding H.S.). Sophomore Pat O'Connor (Pittsburgh, PA/Keystone Oaks H.S.) added 12 points and a team-high seven rebounds in the win. For W&J, senior G Nolan Larry (Greensburg, PA/Greensburg Salem H.S.) closed his collegiate career with game-high totals of 25 points and seven assists in the loss.

First Round Game #1 - Waynesburg, Pa. - #3 WAYNESBURG 52, #6 Thiel 44

The Tomcats eyed an opening round upset by taking a 21-19 lead into halftime, but the Yellow Jackets rallied to outscore Thiel 33-23 in the second half to earn the win. Freshman G Candice Eyerman (Cranberry Township, PA/Seneca Valley H.S.) was the lone Waynesburg player to reach double figures in scoring with 10 points, while freshman G/F Tina Ramer (Hadley, PA/Commodore Perry H.S.) and sophomore G Michelle Collins (Steubenville, OH/Steubenville H.S.) grabbed 13 and 11 rebounds, respectively. Freshman G Heather Abate (Kittanning, PA/Ford City H.S.) and junior G Amanda Swanson (Clearfield,. PA/Clearfield H.S.) added 11 and 10 points, respectively, in the loss for Thiel.

First Round Game #2 - New Wilmington, Pa. - #4 WESTMINSTER 76, #5 Bethany 60

The Bison saw their string of four consecutive PAC women's basketball titles come to an end, as Westminster (playing in its first-ever PAC Tournament) outscored Bethany 40-24 in the second half to break open a 36-36 halftime tie. Senior F Samor Himes (Irwin, PA/Penn-Trafford H.S.) bucketed a game-high 24 points for Westminster. Senior G Jennifer Petures (Monaca, PA/Center H.S.) added 15 markers, while sophomore F Erica Tallo (Oakdale, PA/West Allegheny H.S.) added a double-double with 14 points and a game-high 12 rebounds. Junior C Kelley Richardson (Follansbee, WV/Brooke H.S.) recorded team-high totals of 23 points and nine rebounds for the Bison, while sophomore G Nikki Babik (Johnstown, PA/Westmont-Hilltop H.S.) added 16 markers off the bench.

Lady Titan Basketball Win Over Bethany

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - The Westminster College women's basketball team outscored visiting Bethany College 40-24in the second half, breaking open a 36-36 halftime tie to cruise to a 76-60 win over the Bison in a 2003 Presidents' AthleticConference (PAC) Tournament first round game at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium tonight. Westminster, the tournament #4 seed,improved to 10-16 with the win, while the #5 Bison likely saw their season come to an end at 16-10. The loss also snappedBethany's four-year string of consecutive PAC championships in women's basketball (1999-2002).

With the victory, the Lady Titans will advance to the PAC Tournament semifinals this Friday, Feb. 28, at #1 seed Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pa., at 8 p.m. W&J, the regular season PAC champion at 10-0, is 21-1 and ranked #1 in the Great Lakes Region. In the other PAC semifinal game, #3 seed Waynesburg, a 52-44 winner over #6 Thiel on Tuesday night, will face #2 Grove City at W&J at 6 p.m. on Friday. The PAC championship game is slated for 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 1 at W&J.

Bethany led the game for most of the first half, building as much as a nine-point advantage (26-17) with 7:52 to play in the period. However, Westminster closed the half with a 19-10 run to enter intermission deadlocked at 36-36. The Bison led 40-38 with 17:57 to play when Westminster took control for good, going on a 16-5 run to take a nine-point lead (54-45) with 11:01 to play. Bethany would get no closer than six points the rest of the way, as Westminster led by double digits for the final 7:47 of the contest.

Leading the Westminster offensive attack was senior forward Samor Himes (Irwin/Penn-Trafford H.S.), who bucketed a season-high 24 points on 10-of-17 shooting from the field. Senior guard Jennifer Petures (Monaca/Center H.S.) added 15 points and dished out four assists in the win, while sophomore forward Erica Tallo (Oakdale/West Allegheny H.S.) posted her 10th "double-double" of the season with 14 points and a game-high 12 rebounds. Senior guard Ashley Kenney (Greensburg/Hempfield H.S.) dished out a game-high five assists for Westminster. Kelley Richardson led the Bison with team-high totals of 23 points and nine rebounds.

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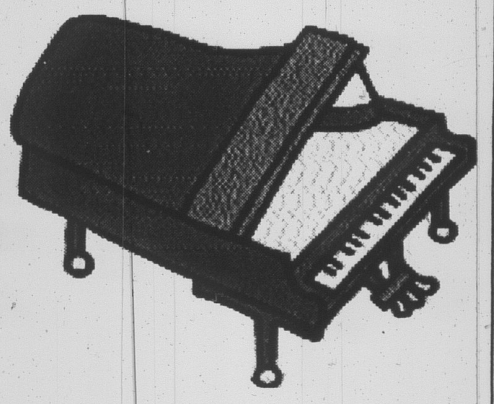

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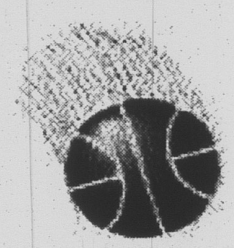

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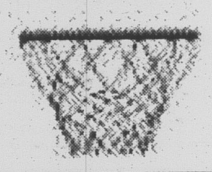

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

I love the couches outside of the cafe!

I write because I annoy!

I had some real Raves, but then I forgot.

Goats and monkeys!

Alarm clocks should be quiet between snoozes.

Yay Retro!

My car entered an alternate universe via a pothole on this campus.

Losing your Titan card is a bad thing.

Dude, I got laid at the cafeteria luau!

The new Galbreath lobby furniture looks great! Way to go Student Affairs!

Long live the Rant and Rave

Noodle!

Seriously, who throws garbage cans down stairs? What are we six years old? Grow up!

Roxanne!

My mailbox is always empty. I feel unloved.

War stinks.

I want to keep my single room!

Ok, I'm ready for spring. You can stop this winter stuff. I've had enough...please?

Pretty please with sugar on top?

Always remember...wait...I know this...

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: We Support our Troops

"We support our troops. We don't want them to die." That was scrawled across a protest sign in New Castle last Saturday. By now you are probably tired of reading, seeing, and hearing anything about the impending war on Iraq. Good. You should be. You should be fed up and worn-out by all the talking, by all the shouting, and by all the bull that is being thrown around.

And here is yet another tirade about what you should be doing. Take it with as much salt as you should.

There are those who would tell you that America is going to Iraq to remove an evil tyrant. There are those who would tell you America is looking to get cheaper oil. Some would say that we have to strike preemptively before they strike us.

Others would point out that attacking first would set a precedence that would allow North Korea to invade South Korea, China to invade Taiwan, and anyone with a nuke to fire at the first country to look at them the wrong way.

Some people think that U.S. bombs will only hit "the bad guys" and not innocent men, women, and children. Some people think that by provoking other countries we will cut down on terrorist attacks.

Groups of people believe with all their hearts that this war is wrong and unjust. Groups of people believe with all their hearts that this war is necessary to the safety of our way of life.

> By now you are probably tired of reading, seeing, and hearing anything about the impending war on Iraq. Good.

There are people all over Europe and America who are willing to travel to Iraq and act as human shields in a giant protest against this war. And there are people who are willing to join the military and go and die in this war.

Where do you stand?

Maybe you are for it. Maybe you are against it. Maybe you just do not care anymore. But wherever you stand, think of how much you believe in your position.

Now try to realize that the other people out there, the ones who are not on your side feel just as strongly as you. Once we realize this, we can find middle ground. Once we can find middle ground, maybe others can too. War prevention starts at home.

The middle ground is where peace and safety lay. Completely annihilating a group of people only creates more violence and retribution. It has to stop somewhere. Violence only breeds more violence. This is stuff you have all heard before. This is stuff you should be tired of hearing. This is stuff we should start trying to actually act on instead of merely responding with lip service.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Being an independent in just a few words means being a strong man or woman, with no need to join a popularity contest. I am saying this in response to the article on the Greek life here on campus. As an independent woman I am especially upset by the comments made by Julie Stolze, "I think it's more beneficial for people to join Greek life because it gives them the opportunity to give back to the community that independents are not able to give." I am an independent woman and I have always been proud of being one, but that does not mean that I am less opportunity to give back to my community because of my choice. I am offended by what is applied in that article. I have been doing community service since I was a young child in everything from 4-H to recently where I took and unpaid internship with the New Wilmington Area Chamber of Commerce. All of these activities I have done because of a deep sense of duty. This sense of duty was not installed by a Greek way of life. Greek life in many ways has degraded to a popularity contest where the prettiest girls who can act exactly as the sorority heads feel they need to, are accepted. Greek life to me and too many independents is no more then a trumped up high school club, where the few get in but think them important because of it. Independent men and women should be proud to serve in their community without having the need for an extended social web to assist them.

Carolyn S. Kapus

Dear Editor,

I have found the previous letters about the Rant and Rave very amusing. If you want "pieces of wisdom", how's this one: more than 75% of college students suffer from depression or other stress related health problems due to their workload and because they feel the pressure to live up to the "perfect college-student imagine", according to the National Mental Health Association. Stanford's suggestions on how to combat stress: HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR! We are college students, yes. This means a higher level of classes, more maturity in handling conflicts, and more mature relationships. This does not mean we must rid of our sense of humor. If yours differs from those expressed in Rant and Rave, do not attack their way of coping with stress and harmless ways to have fun. If it was really that dangerous to Westminster's reputation, do you think editors would place them in there? I think it's part of the code as an Editor not to publish anything harmful to the college. Something else to point out to those who have written letters: If you are so scared of what a little 1/4th page column will do to our precious reputation, what about the senseless and silly half-page "Interactive Story of the Month"? Are you now going to start attacking that? Do you think everything Westminster does has to be eligible for Harvard-worthy scholastic publishing, or can the kids have some fun while here? How about attacking the cartoon section in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette? I hear a lot of those don't make too much sense. Uh-oh. The Far Side, one of the world's most famous comics, may be bad for the newspaper's reputation!! Take it out!

Come on...smile once in awhile! Even better...try laughing. Enjoy life. Even those in high and respectable situations have a sense of humor! Socrates knew how to laugh when he said, "My advice to you is get married: if you find a good wife you'll be happy; if not, you'll become a philosopher." I don't think that damaged his "reputation", now did it?

Kim Nester

Dear Editor,

After following the letters to the editor for the last couple of weeks, I decided that it was time to voice a different opinion. In last week's letter to the editor, the Rant and Rave section of the newspaper was viciously attacked. Before I discuss my own thoughts on this, let's take a look at the definitions of rant and rave. "Rant: 1 : to talk in a noisy, excited, or declamatory manner, 2 : to scold vehemently. Rave: 1 a : to talk irrationally in or as if in delirium b : to speak out wildly c : to talk with extreme enthusiasm." By the definitions, the Rant and Rave section is meant for statements that might be excited, irrational, wild or enthusiastic. Knowing this, one should not expect the Rant and Rave section to be chocked full of deep, meaningful, philosophical statements. It is much more likely to be filled with random, weird, funny and off the wall comments. In further response to last week's letter, I want to make it clear that I am in no way saying that we should forget about what's going on in the world today. The Rant and Rave, though, is there to provide something that we as students, need more of: humor.

You might have heard the saying, "laughter is the best medicine." Well, it's true. Studies have shown that laugher boosts the immune system, can lessen pain and lower blood pressure. On average, children laugh 400 times a day, adults laugh only 15 times a day. Laughter is a wonderful thing, it's good for your body and your mind, and what's the best thing about laughter? It's free! As for the statement about outsiders reading the Rant and Rave and getting a negative impression of the college, that is absurd. If someone's going to base their opinion of Westminster College soley off of a statement written in the Rant and Rave section of the Holcad, they might have a more serious problem than simply lacking a sense of humor. So, I write this letter to those students that look at the Rant and Rave and sneer in hopes that they might lighten up. Laugh a little, it'll be good for you, and it won't cost you a single dime.

Sara E. Kimbell

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

Old School and Chicago

Old School
Jim Needle

My recommendation of "Old School": quit going to see movies like this, and maybe producers will quit making them. Just a ZERO for this flick, because its lack of enjoyment cannot be measured by anything on this planet.

If you liked "American Pie," "American Pie 2" and " Road Trip," "Old School" is one film you won't want to miss. However, if you like good films, "Old School" certainly does not measure up. If wasting money is not your thing, pass on seeing this film.

"Old School" attempts to tell the story of several thirty-year-old men who are discontent with their lots in life and want a change. Unfortunately, the best idea they can brainstorm is to establish some substandard fraternity house.

Luke Wilson, Vince Vaughn and Will Ferrell are the actors who attempt to star in the film. All three men give disappointing and paper-thin performances. Wilson basically reprises his role from "Bottle Rocket," and Vaughn does the same with his role from "Made." Will Ferrell is as obnoxious as ever. The best performance in the film is a two-minute cameo starring Craig Kilborn as the sleazy boyfriend.

The film is nearly ninety minutes long and has two scenes worth a laugh. "Old School" is certainly not my idea of fun. It is a shame that a film this bad earns money while other excellent films struggle to earn a dime at the box office.

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Chicago
Josh Storey

Chicago, directed by Rob Marshall and starring Richard Gere, Renee Zellweger, and Catherine Zeta-Jones, is definitely worth over inflated theater prices.

While not as visually stunning as Moulin Rouge, this musical offers something others don't--plot. That's right, this isn't your typical boy meets girl love story. In fact it isn't even a love story. Having never seen the original play, I was pleasantly surprised to find out that Chicago had deeper themes than simple passion throws. Chicago explores the shadow filled area where crime and entertainment intersect. It follows the tale of singer, dancer, and murderer Roxie Hart (Zellweger), and her lawyer Billy Flynn (Gere).

If you're not a fan of musicals but are a fan of a good story with multiple levels of plot and messages, then you'll definately enjoy this movie. John C. Reilly's rendition of "Mr. Cellophane" is worth the price of admission by itself.

Do we love reality television for the real or the fantasy

by Jillian S. Jordan
A&E Editor

Almost every Wednesday night this semester, a group of girls in my hall gathered to indulge in that week's episode of "The Bachelor" and more recently, "The Bachelorette." Why is America hooked on reality shows? According to E! Online's Kimberly Potts, television used to allow us to escape from reality. The TV shows today are doing just the opposite. Perhaps it is the realness of the characters that intrigues us. How do we relate to them? How would we handle their situations? Are they acting this way because they know millions of people will be watching them? These are only a handful of the questions my hall mates have asked during our weekly plunge into reality.

Although our reasons for watching may be due to our feeling connected with thecharacters, the reality shows today are far from the reality of everyday life. Who else besides Trista has had her pick of twenty-five eligible, handsome, intelligent men?

That's right, girls. Fat chance. I'm sure the guys out there feel the same way. Who else besides the group of people on "Survivor" have spent time on an island eating insects and never showering? Other than the first days of Gilligan and the Skipper, I don't know of many others who incorporate these actions into their daily lives. This poses yet another question: Are reality shows so extreme that we are beginning to want to relate to them?

"Joe Millionaire" was just one of my many excuses for procrastinating to engage in a television daydream. When the second to last episode rolled around, we all thought that his decision would be revealed. However, at 9:56 p.m., four minutes before the show was over, the notorious butler flattened our hopes by letting us know that we would have to tune in next week to find out the decision.

This leads me to another point on why reality shows are so popular. I am sure of myself when I say that the television stations have set up traps for the people of America. Sure, they want their ratings to soar. Why not allow the audience to think that the last episode is tonight so that more people tune in, resulting in higher ratings? Almost as deceitful as the lie told to the women on "Joe Millionaire," the trick will bring a treat next week when we all tune in once again to find out who he's chosen and what surprise the network has in store for the happy couple.

Although "American Idol" and "Are You Hot" differ from other reality shows, they are just as successful. "American Idol" has slight similarities to "Star Search," and "Are You Hot?" relates to the common beauty pageant. Ridiculing of the contestants is allowed and even accepted.

Competition is the main topic that relates the many reality shows. We live in a complex and competitive society, so why wouldn't the people of America want to witness who the "winners" of each show turn out to be? Although I've heard many people complain about reality shows taking over the networks, can you blame them for their success?

PoanLiar plays PCMEA Variety show last friday

Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

This past Saturday, Erie band PoanLiar headlined the PCMEA Variety show. Jr. Chris Dearbeck, who plays bass, saxophone and sings lead vocals, fronts the band. The other members of the band include Marq DiFiori on guitar, bass and back up vocals, Beau Barber on lead guitar and back up vocals, Nate Harpst on keyboard/piano and back up vocals, and Ray Brown on drums. The band has been playing together for 2 years.

The show they played this past Saturday will be their last. The band is splitting up because DiFiori is going to Arizona.

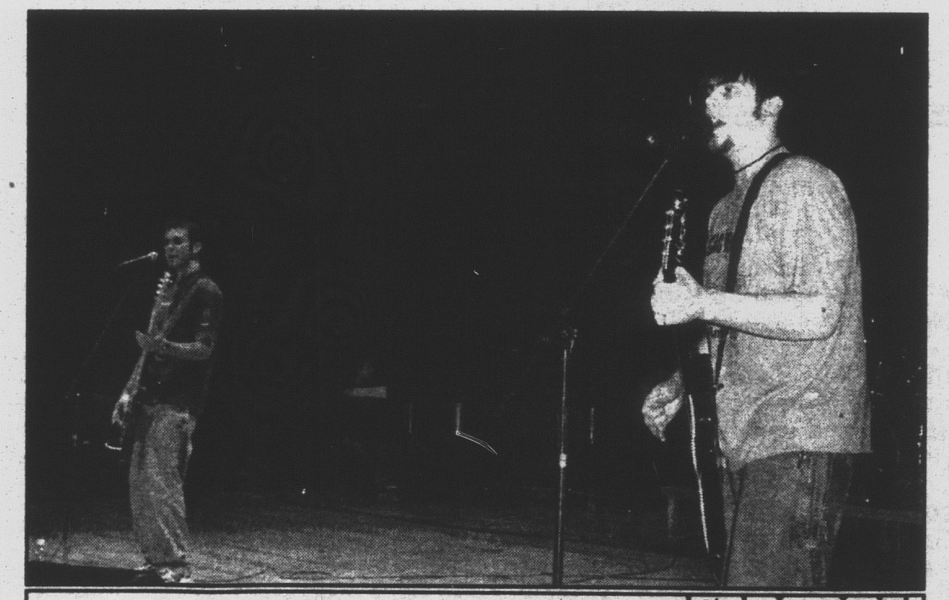
"It was a lot of fun and I'm going to miss playing with those guys. They are all very talented musicians, and maybe someday fate will find us all in the same place again, and we can start right where we left off," Dearbeck said.

Barber will be touring with Pittsburgh punk band the Code. Harpst will also be going on tour with the code but as a videographer. After that, Harpst will also be moving to Arizona.

In the meantime, Dearbeck and Brown are forming a new band.

"I'm just looking forward to writing new stuff and getting a new band together [to] start playing again," Dearbeck said. "Keep your eyes open for Ray and I [with our next] band."

For more information on PoanLiar, visit http://www.geocities.com/poanliar/ or for more information on The Code, visit http://www.angelfire.com/punk2/thecode/.



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PoanLiar

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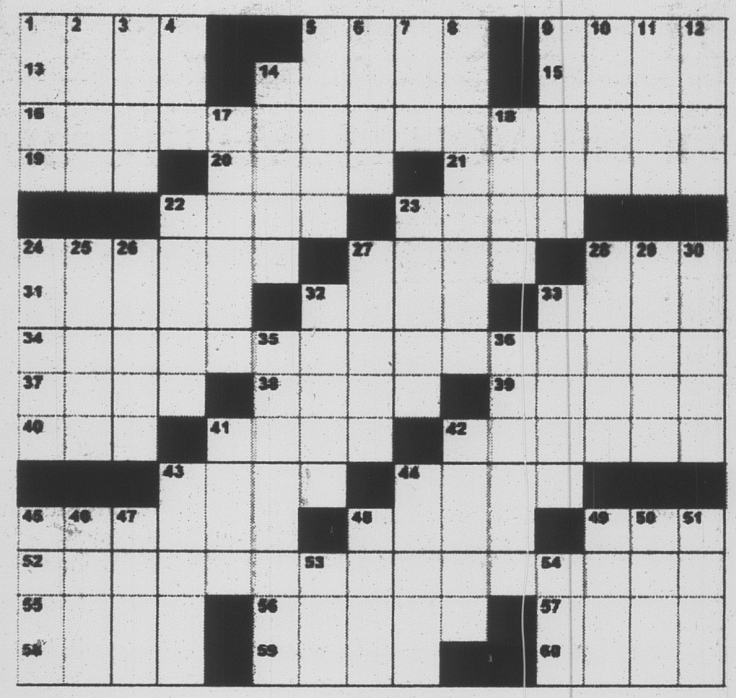
By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

I am careful not to confuse excellence with perfection. Excellence, I can reach for; perfection is God's business.

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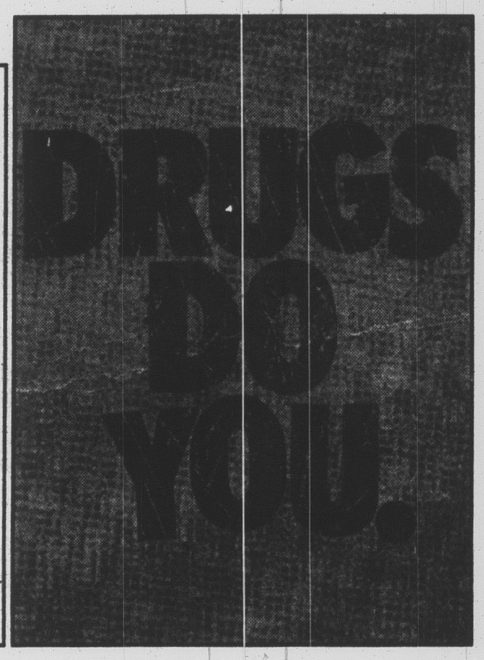


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Keeping secrets won't get you far this week. Your information could make or break a situation, so don't withhold what you know. There is a career move for you in the very near future, but it will be quite a large step to take, so embark with caution and optimism.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
You have a chance to create a solid foundation for future security. Be careful to avoid getting caught up in getting ahead at the expense of your peace of mind or creating havoc within your family. Don't jump to conclusions with romance, take it a step at a time.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Make sure to not commit yourself to something that may stifle and hold you back. Don't stall in your decisions, just say you are not ready and leave it at that. There seems to be some tension between you and your mate, when you kiss and make up, talk honestly.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
You seem to have a restless sort of irritability, which may just get you into trouble. It's important to keep your anger in check or you may find yourself cutting off those who are most important to you. Your current romantic partner may surprise you with lots of attention.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
You are doing a great job making finances stretch to their limit, but enough is enough, and something has got to go. If you have the authority to make the cut, go for it. Changes at work may have you feeling like you have been overlooked, but that is far from true.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
A recent investment may prove much more lucrative than you ever expected, but getting out early may not be such a bad idea. Be sure to take care of all the details though, however insignificant they may be. If you are feeling unmotivated, find a way to psyche yourself up.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Juggle your funds to the best of your abilities, you might consider consolidating your debts so you have only one payment to deal with. Any home repairs now will probably be quite costly. Emphasize what you have in your life that brings you enjoyment and satisfaction.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Your intuitive hunches are right on, so don't justify them away. Emotions which have been held in check for some time need to be unleashed now. Allow yourself to express what you feel inside, striving to maintain a sense of proportion - things aren't so bad.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Any risks concerning money this week will be well worth the effort. Is there someone trying to hold you back under the false impression that it is for your own good? It's time to make those decisions on your own. If you are being manipulated by another, it's time to go it alone.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
This week your passions may get the best of you and anger your mate. If you are, at the very least, aware of this possibility, it can probably forestall any unpleasantness. If stress has gotten you down, take time for a rather childlike activity, helping you to relax.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Rethink the reasons for your motivation in the workplace - you may need some alterations to previous plans. Listen to your inner voice for suggestions. Do the right thing when watching out for others, especially family members. What is it you really want out of life, and how are you going to get it?

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Someone needs to smooth out the rough patches created by an argument, and you are best suited for the job. Following the rules may make you seem cold-hearted, so have a little compassion for those around you. Don't keep any secrets if the information can be well used.

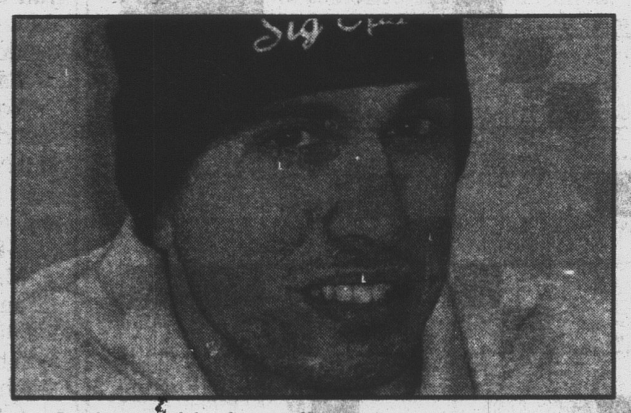
IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: It's a good time to discuss any emotional issues with a significant other. Clear the air of any obstacles, and you may be quite surprised at how easily the conversation flows. Now that the lines of communication are open, make every effort to keep them this way.

FEATURE

Question of the Week: Fate

Do you believe in fate or do you leave life up to chance?

"If something is going to happen, it's going to happen. You can't chance what is going to happen. I think it's already predetermined."
- Heather Hardin, first year



"Let's go with chance."
- Jim Polish, sophomore

"I leave life up to chance. I think that you should just go and wake up in the morning and face each obstacle day to day and handle whatever come to you." **- Donna Macurdy, senior**

"I believe that there is fate, but the path of a person's fate can be changed by his or her actions." - **Jimmy Connell, first year**

"I believe in neither. I think that all things that happen are determined by God and what he has decided for my life." - **Abby Sumpter, sophomore**

"I believe God has a plan for my life." - **Jamie Jennings, assistant director of Titan Traverse**

"Yes. Things happen for a reason, but unless you do something about it, it won't happen." -**Wade, junior**

"I just leave it up to chance. I'm not so into the fate thing, but if it's true, it's true. I just take one day at a time." - **Craig Rechichar, junior**

"I believe in living life as I live life, and meeting and learning all that you can will give you that eternal happiness that we all yearn for. You have to learn from your mistakes and try to rationalize as much as you can when you make those life changing decisions." - **Andy Willis, first year**

"Chance. I take every day as it comes, not worrying about whether something happened for a reason or not." - **Katie Winkler, first year**

What is life left up to: fate or chance?

by Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

What is life left up to? Is it left up to fate, to chance or is it just a coincidence how each day plays out? How do we find the reasoning that secures our actions?

I know that I don't know. Life has always been a mystery to me.

I used to be a hardcore believer that everything happens for a reason. Somehow, all events in life are interconnected and we go through each event to learn, to process the blue prints that make up life.

Recently, someone challenged me to those beliefs. There was no evidence given, or facts relayed to me to prove either which way, but now, I just don't know what to believe.

But it is funny how things always seem to come together when you need it the most. Do you ever notice that? Things, people, words...they somehow appear at a moment when all hope is lost. Where do they come from? How does it happen?

I remember when my best friend was killed my senior year of high school, I sent an e-card to six of my friends. The e-card was a picture of an angel, with words reassuring my friends that I would be there for them whenever they needed me.

5 of my friends responded back, along with one stranger.

Michael became my best friend via e-mail, allowing me to exchange all of my emotions into a keyboard, reaching him somewhere half way across the country.

Was it fate? Was it by chance, or was it a coincidence that somehow, someone came into my life when I needed someone the most.

Three years later, another Michael walked into my life. I was at a hippie festival talking with anybody that came my way. I decided to give Michael my e-mail address. There was something there, something within him to keep a hold of.

Michael ended up helping me through some pretty dark days. Days that I wasn't sure of anything. Michael always seemed to have the advice that I needed to hear, the advice that no one else was able to deliver.

Then, I met Brian four years to the day of my best friend's death.

Again, I am at a crucial time in my life. A time when change is on the horizon. A time when certainty is rare and decisions are crucial.

Brian is here and I am not alone.

Is it fate? Is it by chance that I met any of these men when I needed someone to walk with? Someone to help me understand life in a different perspective? Someone to challenge my emotions, thoughts and feelings so I can have some sort of clue as to what is going on in my life?

Or is it a coincidence? Is it a coincidence that life works out the way it does?

I wish I knew. I wish life was as easy as figuring out that you want French fries and a vegetarian burger for your next meal. I wish it was as easy as simply knowing what you want and getting it.

But it's not. Whether it is by fate, chance or coincidence, life goes on. Each day we get up with the same question in our head, "What will the day be like?"

There is no way to answer that question. Even if we were to believe in the powers of extrasensory perception, there is not a force strong enough to lay out each and every detail of our days.

I wish I could remember these feelings by the minute so my mind and all its worrisome thoughts could cease to exist. Because it is an obvious twenty-one year proven fact through my existence that life goes on, whether it be by fate, chance or coincidence.

ATTENTION STUDENTS and ORGANIZATIONS:

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Would you like a staff writer to cover a specific event?

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>>Insert Angry Voice Here<< : Why go to war?

by Andrew Huston
Feature Writer

WARNING!!! This column, I've heard, has brought forth a lot of controversy among the student body and the community. Opinions are flaring, and people are writing letters all the time. If this is the case, good. The purpose of this column is to be controversial. I'm not writing for my health here, folks. I write every column (which is entitled "Insert Angry Voice Here"- it has to do with some issue that makes at least one person angry- not necessarily me) with care not to insult anybody personally or by name. I write this column to get reactions, not to offend. If people have been offended, please understand that it's not my intention-I want people to get motivated. That being said...

Go to War? WHY?!

The main scuttlebutt in today's headlines is whether or not (or when) we will go to war with Iraq. Let's break down the whole situation (and bear with me, this is gonna be short and sweet), shall we?

1. 1991: George Bush (the first time around) goes to war with Iraq because Saddam invaded Kuwait. Prior to this, Iraq was an ally. Some speculation states that the war is over oil. We win in just a few days' time. Saddam lives. Bush doesn't get re-elected.

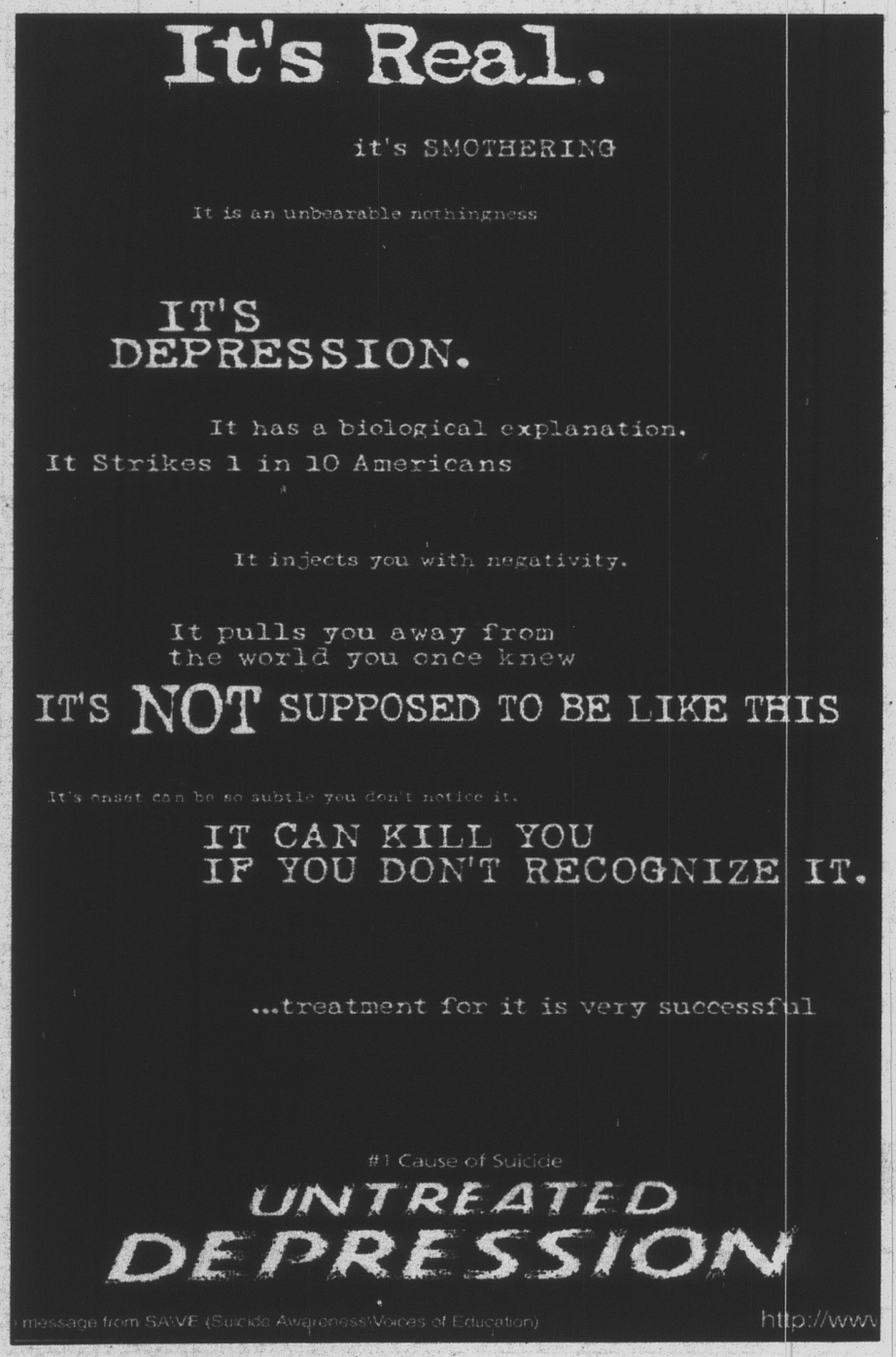
2. 1992-2000: UN Restrictions aren't followed closely. In fact, France opens up negotiations for trade deals with Iraq (who is supposed to be under a no-trade embargo). Clinton has air strikes called in every once in a while, but nothing serious.

3. 2001: September 11 remakes the paradigm of America. Terrorism is now America's number one priority. October of the same year, we go to battle in Afghanistan to fight the man we believe is responsible: Osama Bin Laden. Tom Ridge is the new Director of Homeland Security. He proposes laws that will enable the FBI to search homes and businesses, and place wiretaps in phones without a warrant (under the newly proposed "Patriot Act"), as well as proposing a project called "Operation TIPS," in which the government would pay the postal service to have its employees spy on the public and inform them of any "suspicious behavior."

4. 2002-2003: All of a sudden, Osama isn't in the limelight. We haven't caught him. Talks of when the US will strike "Axis of Evil" member Iraq begin to heat up. Bush tells the UN that he thinks Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. The UN replies that there is no proof that Iraq has said weapons. Bush responds that they don't have proof of destruction of said weapons, either. A stalemate is joined that threatens to break up the European Alliance with the United States, and threatens to unleash hell upon the Middle East. The US moves troops to the Middle East, and an agreement is currently underway with Turkey in order to secure the US an invasion route into Iraq. Meanwhile, the "War Against Terror" is all but forgotten.

Now that we've gone over the bare bones of what's been happening these past twelve-odd years, let's put the current situation into perspective. First off, nobody has attacked the US in this situation. Iraq has not killed any of our soldiers. Let's keep that in mind from the get-go. Secondly, if Saddam has weapons of mass destruction, they more than likely can't reach the US. It would probably take Saddam a number of years to reach a technological level that could allow him to make strikes at us. He can't hit us, people. Third, where is Osama? We started a war in Afghanistan to find him and eradicate his army of terrorists, but now, we hear nothing of how that's going. We hear scant reports of how a big battle erupted near the Pakistani border three weeks or so ago, yet nothing in the mainstream media. The fact remains that we haven't gotten Osama yet, and his network hasn't been destroyed (why do you think we're at level orange or tangerine or what have you?). And now, North Korea is readying itself for war, its leaders saying that the US could launch a pre-emptive strike against them at any moment. Remember that North Korea has a missile that can hit Los Angeles, or any other of the major cities on the West Coast. THEY CAN HIT US.

So why are we going after Iraq when we have a war that we're already involved in, and when a country that can hit us with nuclear weapons is becoming very angry with us? Why is Saddam the primary concern of our government, when the risks of a terrorist attack are higher than ever, and when protests are erupting right and left (there have been at least three in our area alone in the past thirty days) that demand we not go to war? Why is Iraq our number one priority, when logic would dictate that the war on terrorism or our antagonists to the east should be higher up on that list? Why is the time for war now? In my opinion, a lot of us should ask ourselves these questions before coming to a decision, be it pro-war or anti-war. The least it can do is make us more steadfast in our arguments, whichever side we take-and the freedom either to agree or disagree with the government's policies regarding Iraq is what makes this country what it is.



Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 28
Squatter's Applications Due in Student Affairs Office by 4:30 pm
M&W Swimming @ ECAC Championships, Pittsburgh
W Basketball @ PAC Tournament
11:40 a.m. Chapel
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Sectionals Conference - Down Under
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: Detective Story - Beeghly Theater

SATURDAY 1
All Day Ski Club Trip to Holiday Valley, NY
Alpha Phi Omega Sectionals Conference
M&W Swimming @ ECAC Championships, Pittsburgh
M&W Basketball @ PAC Tournament
3:00 p.m. Student Recital: Sarah Plimpton - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Mass
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: Detective Story - Beeghly Theater
8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Retro Dance - Down Under

SUNDAY 2
M&W Swimming @ ECAC Championships, Pittsburgh
Alpha Phi Omega Sectionals Conference
2:00 p.m. Theatre Westminster: Detective Story - Beeghly Theater
3:00 p.m. Student Recital: Sara Kimbell - Chapel
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie: Sweet Home Alabama - Down Under

MONDAY 3
LLP Block III Classes End This Week
11:40 a.m. Chapel
3:30 p.m. M Tennis @ Mount Union
5:15 p.m. Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
9:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Initiation - Chapel
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Late Night - Down Under

TUESDAY 4
Last Day to Withdraw from Westminster With Refund
File 2003 FAFSA
11:00 a.m. Faculty Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
7:00 p.m. International Film Festival - Down Under
7:00 p.m. Women's History Month Celebration - Chapel
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Late Night - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 5
Ash Wednesday
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Martha Joseph, "Los Alamos National Laboratory" - PH 311
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Outdoor and Conservation Club Meeting - HSC 369
9:30 p.m. Seekers Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 6
4:00 p.m. M Tennis @ Bethany
7:00 p.m. Young Republicans - PH 131
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir - Chapel
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 am Late Night

Slate Atkins

Our Major Goals

We would like to:

1. **Initiate the creation of a "Fall VolleyRock-like event."**
   - The event would take place within the first month of next semester.

2. **Allocate more money from General Budget for musical entertainment.**

3. **Oversee the creation of a SGA Diversity Chair who would promote and address diversity issues and activities on and off campus.**
   - The position would be comparable to the CPC and Down Under Chair positions.

4. **Have SGA act as a delegate to other area colleges in order to coordinate multi-institution events.**
   - These would include special events, possible concerts, and sports events.

5. **Look into refurbishing and utilizing the Amphitheatre for musical entertainment and other events.**

6. **Focus more on active student communication with the SGA.**
   - This would be done through bi-annual all-campus email satisfaction surveys, increased public relations and more Executive/Senator interaction with our fellow students.

7. **Plan various sporting events throughout the year.**
   - Examples: Pitt Panthers Football and Basketball, Pittsburgh Steelers/Cleveland Browns/Cleveland Cavaliers games, Pittsburgh Penguins.

8. **Attend New Wilmington Town Council meetings regularly and report back to the Senate and Student Body on issues relating to the campus community and college.**

9. **Reformat and update the SGA website regularly to increase active communication with fellow students.**
   - The Website would include SGA minutes, a calendar of SGA sponsored events, a committees section with information on the individual committees, and a roster of all SGA members.

10. **Require the Treasurer or Financial Advisor from any organization soliciting funds from SGA to attend a leadership conference at some point throughout the year.**
    - That individual would then report the results back to the finance chair as to the results of that conference.

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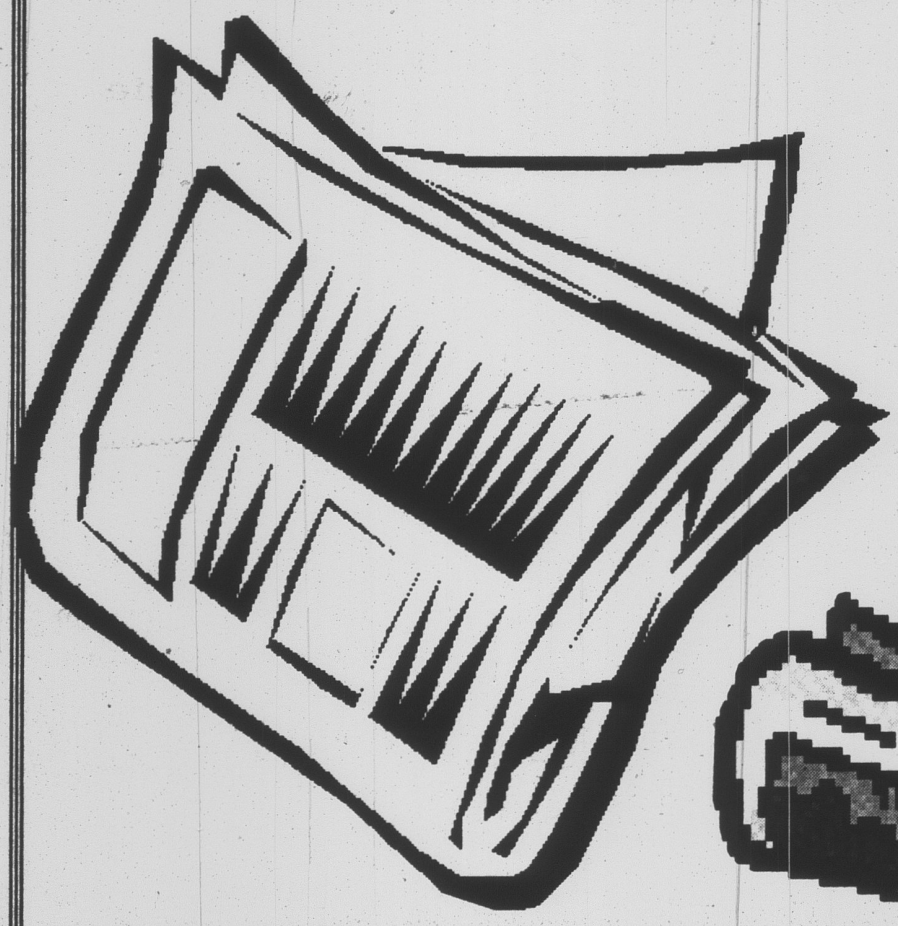

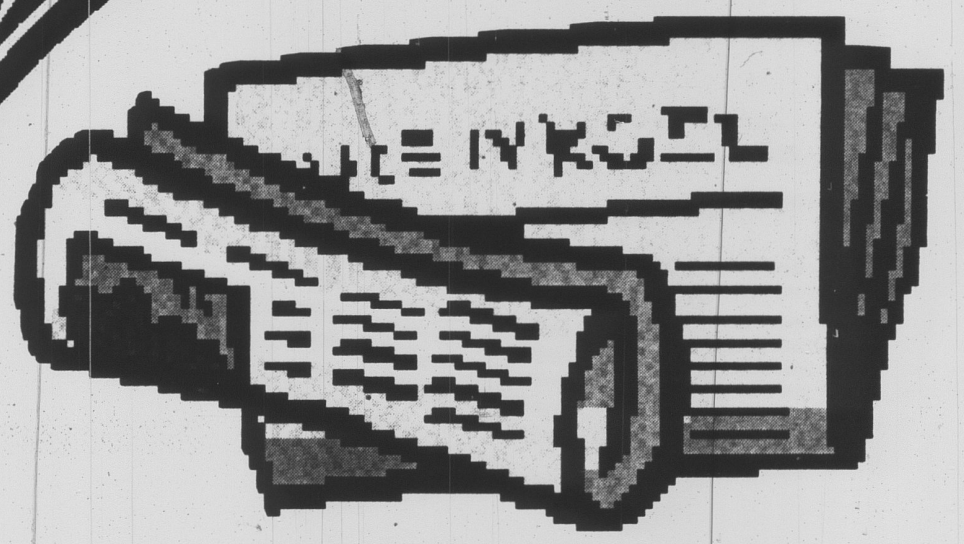

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Friday: Movie-
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Saturday: Retro Dance
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8:00 pm

Sunday: Movie-
Sweet Home Alabama
9:00 pm

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Weekly Events:
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10pm-2am

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Sigma Nu suspended

by Isaac Ludwig
Staff Writer

The Sigma Nu fraternity of Westminster College has been suspended by its National Headquarters, and the college has forced the fraternity members to leave the Sigma Nu house. The disciplinary actions which have been taken are the result of a Sigma Nu prank on the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

The New Wilmington Police, Westminster College, the Sigma Nu National Headquarters, and Westminster's Sigma Nu Alumni Housing Board all investigated the January 23 incident during which Michael Turovsky, Justin Finamore, and Matthew Davis tossed a lighted smoke bomb into the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house and videotaped the act.

According to John Lechner, Dean of Safety and Security, the car carrying the three Sigma Nu members was originally pulled over when an officer noticed that the students were driving without headlights. While the officer was talking to the three students in the car, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon alerted the New Wilmington Police of the smoke bomb incident. The officer searched the car and found the video camera which had been used to record the prank. After discovering the camera, the officer proceeded to charge Turovsky and Finamore with underage drinking; Davis was charged with driving under the influence as a

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photo by Aly Karg

On Wednesday, students gathered in front of the new Student Center to protest government spending on weapons of mass destruction and government cuts in funding for education. "Books not Bombs" was a international student event. The strike on campus was sponsored by the Westminster Green Party. Approximately 30 people turned up to listen to student speakers. Jeremy Baker and Isaac Ludwig slept in a make-shift refugee camp the night before. Local news channels were in attendence to cover the event, as well.

Sorority houses permitted, urban legend dispelled

by Jenn Mossor
Staff Writer

Contrary to popular rumor, a house of more than seven women in New Wilmington does not constitute a brothel. According to New Wilmington borough office, there is no borough law prohibiting sorority houses. There is not state law either. And according to student affairs, there is no college policy that prevents sororities from starting houses of their own. In fact, Westminster used to have sorority houses near the campus.

In 1931, sororities were designated to live in the variety of college-owned houses in the community. Each of the six sororities had a house near the campus that was monitored by a housemother (almost the equivalent of a resident director today). These houses were located on Orchard Street, Maple Street, and Market Street. One house that is still in existence today is the current alumni relations office, Thompson House, which was once the Alpha Gamma Delta house.

Elizabeth Hines remembers these houses in their prime. "As a kid growing up in New Wilmington, Westminster's homecoming was a very big deal. The fraternities and sororities elaborately decorated their houses as part of the homecoming competition. The whole town became alive with crowds and color," said Hines,

In the late fifties, Dr. Orr, the

Contributed Photo
Most don't know that Thompson House used to be the Alpha Gama house.

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Saturday: Cloudy high 39° low 31°

Sunday: Cloudy high 42° low 33°

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CAMPUS NEWS

"Detective Story" challenges student actors

by Amie Hack
Staff Writer

The theatre department presented "Detective Story" in Beeghly Theater Thursday, Feb. 27 – Saturday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 2 at 2:30 p.m.

Visiting instructor of theatre Eileen Hendrickson directed the play with the help of set designer Paul Kimpel and technical director and lighting designer John Scott. The play took place in the squad room of a 1940s New York police station where two cases were simultaneously going on. One is about an honest young man who steals money from his employer, and the other is about an abortionist. The story climaxes when the detective finds out that his wife is involved in the abortion case.

According to Hendrickson, the audience's reactions to the actors are how one measures the success of a performance. "I thought it [the play] was pretty successful, gearing from the feedback I heard from students and faculty," Hendrickson said. "It seemed that the audience remained interested, judging from the way they were responding."

Sophomore Megan Sigler, who attended the show on opening night, agreed. "I was totally impressed with the acting in the show. It was a very challenging show to pull off, because it presented a lot of heavy issues, but the cast came through wonderfully."

Some audience members, however, felt differently about "Detective Story."

"I didn't think this play was as good as past theatre performances," student Billie Nicholson said. "A lot of the jokes are in 1940s lingo, and if you aren't familiar with that era, you didn't get them."

Student actor Robert Allen agreed with Nicholson. He felt that there were times when the audience did not understand the seriousness of the play due to the time period and the many dramatic issues.

"Every night is a different audience and you just always hope that they will understand what you are doing and appreciate all the work you have put into the production," Allen said.

Allen and Hendrickson both emphasized the large amount of work needed to produce "Detective Story." The actors had their first read-through before Christmas break, then started rehearsals the Sunday they returned from the break. They had only six weeks to put the show together, making it the shortest time period during the year to put together a stage production. During that time of rehearsals, however, the cast members became very close.

"We all spent many hours rehearsing together with this huge cast," Allen said. "With so many people working together, you were forced to meet a lot of different people you may never have worked with."

Hendrickson agreed with Allen. She thinks that the most important aspect in working with a cast is respect.

"You can't direct without it [respect]," Hendrickson said. "The students have to be with you and you have to be with them. The camaraderie [among the cast members] was wonderful!"

Hendrickson was very pleased with the outcome of "Detective Story," but did mention one aspect that frustrated her. She revealed that she made changes to the play after Thursday night's performance.

"I think it worked better Friday, Saturday, and Sunday because of the changes we made," Hendrickson said. "Thursday night was our 'test run.'"

Allen agreed with Hendrickson. "Thursday we [the cast] were getting rid of opening night jitters, but Friday we were really on," he said.

Despite a few discouraging moments, Allen had several rewarding moments on stage. He was extremely happy about the outcome of "Detective Story," and realized that this success would not have been possible without the help of the campus community.

"On behalf of my cast mates and the directors I would like to thank the campus community for giving this type of show a chance," Allen said. "We all worked many hours to bring you the best performances we could give and we hope you all enjoyed it. Thank you all so much for your constant support of our shows."

For more information about the theatre department and upcoming shows, call Eileen Hendrickson at (724) 946-7237 or instructor Scott Mackenzie, who will direct the spring play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," at (724) 946-6238.

Alpha Phi Omega hosts Retro Dance in Down Under

by Kylee Hasson
Staff Writer

Popples, pillowpals, and poodle skirts were just a few of the items found at the Retro Dance in the Down Under last Saturday night.

Students, guests, and alumni danced the night away to New Kids on the Block, Milli Vanilli, and other retro music played by senior Jake Stumpf. Alpha Phi Omega, a national coed community service fraternity, sponsored the dance. Attendees were encouraged to dress in anything "retro" and to just have fun.

"Most people come dress up in retro clothing, and we play oldies and dance and have fun," said Lauren Perkins, president of Alpha Phi Omega.

Perkins also answered the question some students had about what the organization meant by retro.

"I asked the same question back in my early days of Alpha Phi Omega and I found out that 'retro' is anything that is not now."

The 1980s ruled the night, as students featured crimped hair, cut-off shorts, side ponytails, Strawberry Shortcake, Ghostbusters, and the Incredible Hulk. Troll dolls and pillowpals looked out onto the dance floor as the crowd danced under a huge tie-dyed banner that said "Retro Sectionals 2003."

Bright yellow and ruby red spotlights shown down from the ceiling while colored disco balls on the floor illuminated all of the dancers. The white lights that lined the entrance and the disc jockey's booth pulsated to the beat of the music while the shiny purple-fringed decoration over the window of the door fluttered with each group of people that entered or left.

Though the eighties was the best-represented decade, some students went against the trend and dressed as hippies, greasers, and bobby-soxers. Although the majority of those that attended the dance didn't dress in a completely retro style, many added touches of a retro theme whether it was a skinny Miami Vice-style tie or yin-yang bandana.

Students and alumni socialized and filled every corner of the Down Under. The dartboard held more appeal than the dance floor for some students while others relaxed on the couches that were placed just off the dance floor. Not everyone danced, but a large of students kept Stumpf busy with constant requests for "Play that Funky Music," "Brick House," and anything else they wanted to hear.

"This is the biggest turnout we've ever had," said Stumpf.

Nikki McDorman, who is serving as pledge master of the organization for the semester, agreed. "A lot of alums are here and it's never been this crowded."

The dance drew over one hundred people, in part because the event occurred during a conference that the Westminster chapter was hosting this year. Advertising also played a part in the larger number of students and alumni in attendance.

"We got it out there a lot better and faster this year," said McDorman.

Many people at the dance were not Westminster students. Some were members or alumni of different chapters of Alpha Phi Omega while others simply came with a friend.

"This is my second time coming and I think it's a lot of fun," said Jeannie Fallon, who was visiting from Buffalo and came with a friend. "I love the retro theme and people are always really nice."

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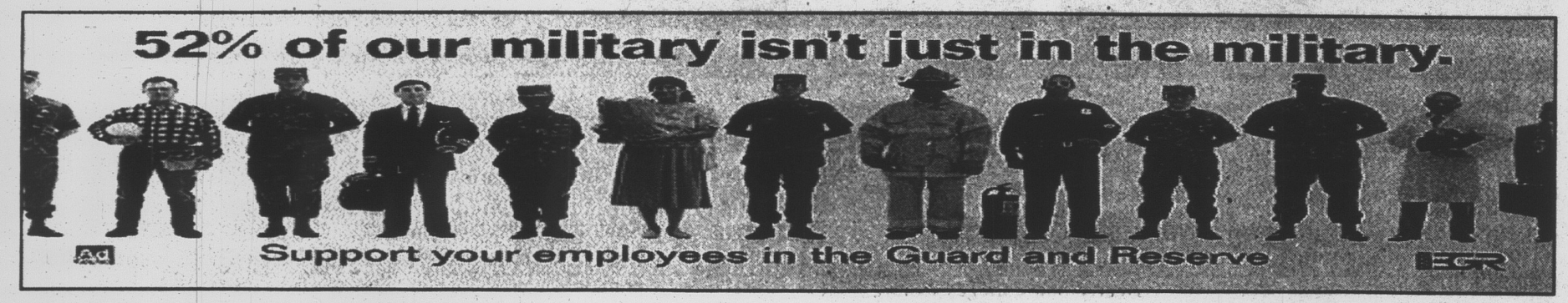

Dr. Mann announced as new Vice President of Academic Affairs

by Teale Ganster
Staff Writer

The search for the new dean is over and Westminster is ready to name Dr. Jesse Mann as the new Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Since former Dean John Deegan, Jr. resigned from his position in July to become President of St. Andrew Presbyterian College, the college has been without a Dean. Dr. Mann took over the position as acting Dean until a new candidate was officially elected to fill the opening.

A committee was formed to search for the most qualified nominees. The committee was selected at the beginning of August after Deegan had left. After interviewing nine candidates in December, the committee narrowed the search to four final qualified candidates. The four candidates were Dr. Jesse Mann, Interim VPAA and Academic Dean, Dr. Joan Gundersen, former VPAA and Academic Dean of Chatham College, Dr. T.J. Arant, Executive Director of East Central Colleges consortium, and Dr. Richard Jurasek, VPAA and Academic Dean of Augustana College.

Each of the four candidates possessed the high ideals and credentials necessary to be eligible to become the next Dean. To prove they were right for the position, they all took part in a campus wide presentation.

Junior Christy Atkins and Sophomore Russell Mills were student representatives who served on the Dean Search Committee. Each was encouraged to provide input about the potential candidates. "The wonderful faculty and staff on the Dean Search Committee were so welcoming to student input," said Atkins. "They really made Russ and I feel like we could represent the student body effectively. We all worked tremendously well together."

Administration and faculty members who served on the committee were Ms. Gloria Cagigas, Dr. Fritz Horn, Dr. Carolyn Cuff, Dr. Charlene Klassen Endrizzi, Dr. Robin Lind, Dr. Kristin Park, Mr. Tom Rosengarth, Dr. Tim Wooster, and Dr. Ross Wastvedt. The committee developed a profile of characteristics based upon input from those who attended the interviews and on their own thoughts to evaluate the applicants.

The committee was a diverse group that offered different aspects as to what would be required of a Dean. "I enjoyed working on the committee," said Dr. Park. "We worked well together. We all respected each other's views."

Dean Mann was elected as the VPAA and Dean of the College on March 1, and his appointment became effective on March 3, 2003

International badge day recognizes sororities across N. America

By Jenn Mossor
Staff Writer

Sororities across North America honored their Greek organizations on Monday, March 3 in recognition of International Badge Day. This annual event was an opportunity for all sororities in the National Panhellenic Conference to wear their letters and/or badges as a unifying symbol of sisterhood.

The college's Panhellenic Council encouraged its five sororities to participate by showing their pride on Monday.

Junior Sigma Kappa Amanda Ries enjoyed the idea. "It gave me the strongest sense of pride to see my sisters in letters, especially our new members. Wearing letters is the strongest statement of how we extend our friendships and our bond of sisterhood."

Junior Alpha Gamma Delta Kristen Kulick agreed. "To me, my letters are a symbol of my pride in being in my sorority. They allow me to show my peers that I am proud to be in such a great and successful organization."

Some sororities planned special programs during their weekly meetings as a celebration of International Badge Day. Alpha Gamma Delta did a program on what is appropriate to wear with the sorority badge and discussed the message sorority clothing sends out when a sister wears it.

International Badge Day was just one event that the National Panhellenic Conference organized to support inter-sorority relationships. The overall mission of the NPC is to "support its women's fraternities by promoting values, education, leadership, friendships, cooperation and citizenship."

Junior Amanda Moore, president of Panhellenic Council, takes this mission seriously. "While I am president, I would like to see a more united Greek life and see the people on campus appreciate it more."

Panhel advisor Molly Spinney thinks that International Badge Day was a step towards that goal. "The significance of Badge Day, on a local front, was a visual reminder that these people are playing many roles: members of Greek organizations yes, but also students, workers, actors, musicians, journalists, etc."

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president at the time, oversaw the construction of a new women's dormitory, Galbreath Hall. As the new residence hall opened, Greek women were shifted into sorority suites in dorms. This move was mainly explained by the inefficient cost of the upkeep and maintenance of the houses. As they moved onto campus, the sororities were placed in suites in both Ferguson and Galbreath Halls.

Today, the campus's five sororities have suites in Ferguson Hall. But technically, they are not legally bound to live there. All that essentially stands in the way of owning a house is money and the cooperation with their national headquarters.

"Sororities are permitted to have houses," said Molly Spinney, advisor to Panhellenic Council. "In my opinion, however, if one sorority were to get the funding and meet their national requirements, the situation would have to be thoroughly discussed about with Panhellenic Council before anything could take place."

CPC visits Nashville to book entertainment

by Christopher Hatch
Staff Writer

Last week, the Campus Programming Committee sent three representatives to the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Representatives who attended were CPC Advisor Camille Hawthorne, Committee Chair Craig Carlin and active member Jess Bevan. The event lasted from Wednesday until Sunday, and gave CPC and other college programming committees a chance to scout out potential entertainment for their campuses. Westminster's representatives focused on finding entertainers for the remainder of this semester and the upcoming fall semester.

A typical day at the NACA conference starts at 8 a.m. and doesn't end until midnight. In addition to comedic and musical showcases, NACA activities include educational sessions that teach representatives how to do things such as improve advertising for their events. For Carlin, looking for entertainment was the main priority.

"We try to find things that are good for Westminster College, mainly comedians and bands," he said.

Nearly 600 colleges from all over the country attended the conference. All of these colleges, specifically colleges in the same region, compete for entertainment. According to Hawthorne, competition for acts is fierce.

"Our region is known as the cut throat region," she said.

While Hawthorne attended the conference as an advisor, Carlin and Bevan made the majority of the decisions on which entertainers to book.

Photo by Aly Karg

Craig Carlin and Jess Bevan

"I am there because the school needs a representative to protect their facilities and make sure that what we have the accommodations for what we want to schedule,", Hawthorne said. "My tastes are not your tastes."

Bevan emphasized how important the new student center is to the CPC.

"We're trying to find things that attract students to the new student center," she said. "That is our main focus."

Your Student Government Association

by Erika Hink
Contributing Writer

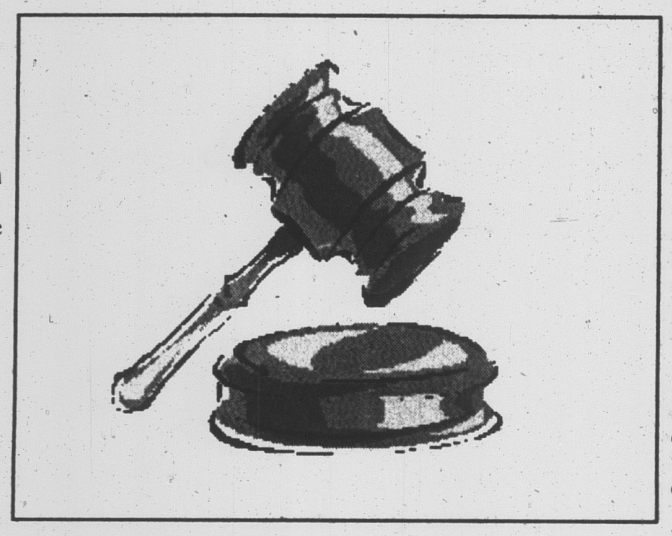
Here's what's going on this week with your SGA:

Congratulations to Dean Mann on becoming our new Vice President! Also, congratulations to the new SGA Executive slate!

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Senate? If so, check your email for an application or go to the Student Affairs office and pick one up. Fill out the application and return it to Student Affairs by Wednesday, March 19. There are twelve spots open in each class for first year, sophomores, and juniors only. Elections for the senate will take place March 21 – 24.

The Food Advisory Committee met on Wednesday and discussed many issues concerning the dining hall. Mainly, Jeff Creveling is looking into getting carry out boxes for your meals if you don't have time to sit down and eat. The committee also discussed which desserts are the most popular, among other things. Also, there will be another fun day coming in April with a disco theme. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about the dining hall, please contact Creveling.

In faculty standing committees and boards: the Curriculum Operations Committee met and talked about the possibility of combing COC with the Curriculum Development Committee. They also passed a Pennsylvania History course for an IP credit; and they are discussing whether or not to change the graduation credits requirement to 128 from 132. The Instructional Resources Council met and talked about the need for more bookshelves in the Library. One alternative to this is having each department remove the books that are not used anymore. And the PBIRC met and reviewed the Westminster Plan for now until 2007.



Dean Lechner sent his parking problems and proposals to the senate for review. This week, sections F through O were passed. If you are interested in reviewing Lechner's parking proposals, please email sga@westminster.edu.

The finance committee allocated $400 to the Equestrian team.

The special events committee is sponsoring a trip to Kennywood on Sunday, May 4. The cost is $10 per ticket and includes the ticket to Kennywood and a ticket for Sandcastle that can be used at a later date. This is normally a $49.90 cost. This year you will have the option of whether or not to ride the bus to Kennywood and back. Check your email to see when you are able to obtain tickets. The committee is also planning a trip to the Pirates game versus LA on April 27, and Volley Rock is being planned for Saturday, May 3.

The academics committee is planning the next College Bowl, which will take place on April 27. This time, a faculty team will be included!

For CPC: Lil' Sibs Weekend will be March 28 and 29. Letters will be sent out to families over break. Some things to look forward to next semester are a fall Volley Rock event on September 6 with comedians, bands, and more! Also, the Gateway Clipper trip will be September 12, and Craig Karges will be here on August 29.

As always, the weekly SGA meetings are open to the entire campus community. Join us at the next meeting after break on March 19 at 7pm in Patterson 311.

Students took advantage of mock interviews

by Mary Huebert
Staff Writer

Mock interviews, given by two area employers, took place on Feb. 27 in Russell Dining Hall.

The career center offered students the opportunity to participate in mock interviews during the afternoon. Luz Cintron from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management gave three interviews, as did Bob Riale from the Carnegie Science Center. Both give interviews regularly at their respective businesses and believe mock interviews are very beneficial for college students.

"Students leaving college often don't have the necessary skills to interview," Riale said. "An interview is important because it is what sells the student."

According to Riale, each interview was structured in the same way. First, the students told the interviewer information about their background and career interests. Then the students were asked about any relevant work experience they have had, and what they thought their individual strengths and weaknesses were. Finally, Riale reflected on the interview and provided feedback on the students' résumés and presentation skills.

"It was a really good experience," participant Louise Nicholson said. "I was able to get advice on specific things I wasn't sure about."

Cintron emphasized the importance of being sincere during an interview.

"It is important to be yourself and to be honest," she said. "Employers want to get a good idea of who you are."

Cintron does not simply look at the level of knowledge possessed by each applicant for entry-level positions. She looks at personality and presentation, because she knows new employees can be trained once they obtain a position.

In addition to being open and honest, Cintron also emphasized the importance of making a good first impression and having good manners.

According to Riale, there are two important things to keep in mind when going for an interview:

"Most importantly, you need to be prepared and have a goal in mind when going in," he said. "It is also important to follow-up with the employer after the interview."

According to Jackie Meade of the career center, Westminster has been offering mock interviews as long as she can remember. Past interviewers have included superintendents and principals from area schools, representatives from major Pittsburgh companies and alumni now working in various organizations.

Meade thinks the mock interviews can be very beneficial for students beginning their job search.

"Students have the opportunity to get feedback and practice interviewing with someone who is actually an employer," she said. "It also is a great way for employers to see the high caliber of Westminster students."

The career center offers many other resources to students, alumni and members of the community who are beginning a job search. In addition to mock interviews, they invite many employers to campus to interview students for actual positions. The career center also provides résumé workshops, educational counseling for students who are undecided on a major and job bulletins for seniors and alumni. They provided transportation to the West PACs Job Fair in Monroeville. Forty-three schools send students to this job fair to meet with employers from the area.

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Greek Week preview: Campus Greeks get ready for fun times

by Jennifer Raub
Staff Writer

Greeks on campus will be competing in the annual Greek Week festivities April 22 through 26. Greek Week will begin on Tuesday and will conclude with Sing and Swing and the announcing of event and week champions on Saturday.

"I think Greek Week will be a success," junior Sigma Phi Epsilon Chair Joshua Flaim said. "I am excited to see who wins, and to see what theme is chosen for Sing and Swing."

This year, Greeks will participate in bocce, kickball, Greek olympics, ultimate frisbee, volleyball, Greek feud and happy bus training. They are also planning a new event: Greek Fear Factor.

"I think Greek Fear Factor is going to be a great event, and if nothing else, pretty entertaining," junior Phi Mu Julie Lechner said.

"Greek week is always a great time, although I am a bit disappointed with the absence of soccer and football as events," junior Zach Hudson of Alpha Sigma Phi said.

Fraternity and sorority members anxiously anticipate Greek Week. It is a time for them to show their pride and to enjoy some friendly competition.

"I am really excited about hanging out and bonding with my sisters throughout the week," freshmen Zeta Tau Alpha Sarah Bouldin said.

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minor and two traffic violations. The entire Sigma Nu chapter as an organization was charged with disorderly conduct.

One of the brothers involved in the incident commented on the punishment of the fraternity as a whole by saying, "It's funny how [the people involved] said they understood it was a prank, but they still prosecuted [the house] as far as they could."

After the Sigma Nu house was closed, many of the fraternity brothers relocated to the residence halls. Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Molly Burnett commented on the move from the fraternity house to Eichenauer. "We've gotten everyone in the house who indicated to us that they needed housing, and the rest of the students who are not living in the residence halls are actually going to commute from their homes to the college."

A number of students were upset about having to accommodate more people in the residence halls. Students were told to prepare their rooms for new roommates on short notice. One student said he was notified only four hours before his new roommate arrived.

The national headquarters of Sigma Nu has suspended the Westminster chapter's charter until the Fall of 2003. At that time, the fraternity will again be permitted to become active. However, the college, the Sigma Nu National Headquarters, and the Alumni Housing Board have closed the fraternity house until the Spring of 2004.

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Rendell contemplating release of 74 year old rapist and murderer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) It took a jury just three hours to find Louis Mickens-Thomas guilty of raping and murdering a 12-year-old girl.

But nearly 40 years later, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and two former governors have disagreed about whether the Philadelphia cobbler, now 74, deserves to be behind bars.

For decades, Thomas has insisted he is innocent of the 1964 murder of Edith Connor, whose battered body was found in an alley behind the row house where Thomas lived and ran a shoe-repair business.

Questions about his guilt were enough to persuade Gov. Robert Casey to commute Thomas' life sentence and order him released in 1996. But in a first for Pennsylvania, Casey's successor, Tom Ridge, refused to let him go.

Now, after years of legal appeals, Thomas' fate may be in the hands of a third governor.

By the end of next week, newly inaugurated Gov. Ed Rendell must decide whether to appeal a federal court's ruling that Thomas has been held improperly and should be given a new parole hearing within 45 days.

If Rendell decides to let the state's Board of Probation and Parole hear the case, the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ordered the board to do so under pre-1996 standards, which would favor Thomas' release.

Rendell spokesman Ken Snyder declined to say what the governor, a former Philadelphia district attorney, thought of the case.

"We are taking a look at it," he said.

Activists who have fought for more than a decade to prove that faulty science and outright fraud led to the conviction say they are optimistic a fair hearing would lead to his freedom.

"This is a guy who has been in prison for almost 40 years for something he did not do," said Jim McCloskey, founder of Centurion Ministries, a New Jersey-based group that fights for the release of prisoners it believes are innocent.

Prosecutors are enraged a man they consider to be among the city's worst killers could be set free.

"That little girl suffered before she died, and I have no doubt that the defendant murdered her," said Philadelphia Assistant District Attorney Joseph Casey.

Police were initially stumped when Edith's body was found, but the investigation turned after crime lab technician Agnes Malatratt said she found dog hairs and bristles from a shoe brush on the girl's torn clothing.

Those clues pointed police toward Thomas, who owned a dog and worked daily with cobbling tools. After more analysis, Malatratt said more than two dozen small particles in the girl's hair and clothes matched samples taken from Thomas' shop.

Then, scandal erupted. In an unrelated trial, a defense attorney revealed that Malatratt, who had passed herself off as a Temple University-trained scientist, hadn't graduated high school.

Dozens of cases in which she had played a role were reopened, and Thomas was granted a new trial - and convicted again in 1969 after crime lab director Edward Burke testified he, not Malatratt, had performed the particle analysis.

Staff at the prison have voiced their support for Thomas' bid for freedom - one guard has offered him a job as a barber if he ever gets out.

Origins of town names in Ohio drive one man's obsession with history

CLEVELAND (AP) Larry Miller just wanted to know how Celeryville came to be named after a stalky vegetable.

But his curiosity while driving past the Sandusky-area town in 1991 led the geography buff to write "Ohio Place Names," a reference staple in most Ohio libraries.

"It just sort of kicked things up in my mind, and I was curious about where such names came from," Miller said.

He learned that Celeryville was named by workers who moved there to pick celery and onion crops. Then he learned the stories behind 2,499 other names and put them on paper.

Some places are named for founders: Cleveland, Dayton, Youngstown, Adamsville, Bratenahl, Elyria, Painesville, Worstville and Dull - located near the Indiana border in Van Wert County.

"Last I heard, they had six houses and 50 dogs," said Richard Helwig, who is cataloguing Ohio's 9,000 ghost towns, places which no longer exist.

Other place names needed more explanation, like Knockemstiff, Teacup and Jug's Corners.

"There was a saloon in town, and a woman told her local minister her husband liked to spend more time in the saloon than at home. How to get him home? Take a frying pan, knock him stiff and drag him out," Helwig said.

Apparently, several former towns paid homage to drinking establishments, including Teacup, named after a tavern, and Jug's Corners, named for a still near a mule trail: Passers-by left empty jugs and money on a tree stump. At day's end they picked up their jugs.

High on the list of reasons for a name is to honor a hero, like Columbus, Lafayette and Washington, or to honor American Indian roots, such as Chillicothe, Cuyahoga and Mohicanville.

Others note the landscape: Yellow Springs for the iron; Vermilion for its red clay; Minersville, Portsmouth, and Rocky River - all named for the geology of the area.

Ohio has its own Florida, Idaho, Nebraska, Nevada and Texas. It also has its own Parma, Rome and Toledo, and, over the years, at least 13 Berlins.

"It gives it some cachet," explains Stuart Hobbs, a historian with the Ohio Historical Society. "It may not have been very original, but it makes it sound like something people are familiar with and makes it sound substantial when maybe it isn't."

Many early settlers put a Biblical slant on things with names like Hebron, Mount Gilead and New Antioch.

Helwig has documented 6,000 Ohio places that have vanished or are shadows of their former selves. "I enjoy the Sherlock Holmes aspect of it," he says. "When a town disappears from a map, that's a pretty good candidate for ghost town status."

Regional Briefs

Goodbye neighbor

LATROBE, Pa. (AP) Fred Rogers, a children's television icon known for his zip-up cardigan and his invitations to be his neighbor on "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," was buried in a private ceremony Saturday.

About 60 relatives, friends and co-workers attended a funeral for Rogers, who hosted the public television show for more than 30 years, said family spokesman David Newell, who played Mr. McFeely on the show.

Rogers, who produced the show from 1968 to 2000, died Thursday at his Pittsburgh home, following a bout with stomach cancer. He was 74.

Rogers composed his own songs for the show and began each episode in a set made to look like a living room, singing "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood," as he donned sneakers and his trademark sweater.

His message remained a simple one throughout the years, telling his viewers to love themselves and others. The show gained a wide audience among children and parents who appreciated its simple lessons and Rogers' soothing manner.

Rogers taped his final new episode in December 2000; one of his red sweaters now hangs in the Smithsonian Institution.

Disney on Ice theft

PITTSBURGH (AP) Somebody stole about $110,000 from "Walt Disney's 100 Years of Magic" ice show at Mellon Arena, police said.

The money, proceeds from the sale of souvenir T-shirts and other merchandise, was stolen from a crate in a locked room during Thursday night's show, police said.

Feld Entertainment produces the show and its employees found out about the missing money, authorities said.

SMG, the company that manages the arena, said the money was stolen from an area of the building that the traveling show's staff controls.

Two people had a key to the crate, officials said. But police on Saturday said they had no new information to release.

Fire destroys nine businesses

MINERVA, Ohio (AP) Nine businesses and upstairs apartments were destroyed by a fire which ripped through the business district of this northeast Ohio community.

Minerva Fire Chief Richard McLelland said no cause of the fire had been determined. His office said state fire marshal investigators would take over the case.

No one was hurt in the fire, which was reported about 9:50 p.m. Friday and was put out early Saturday.

Although the fire station is one block from the site of the fire, McLelland said flames already were coming through the roof and the fire was quickly spreading by the time firefighters arrived.

More than 100 firefighters from communities in Stark County and nearby Carroll and Columbiana counties helped fight the fire.

McLelland estimated damage at more than $2 million. He emphasized that the estimate was a preliminary figure that didn't take into account business inventory and fixtures.

The destroyed businesses included a Dairy Queen, a secondhand children's clothing store, a coin-operated laundry, a tax preparation office, a flower shop and Thermo-Devices Inc., which makes equipment for measuring molten temperatures.

Layoffs pending

WHEATLAND, Pa. (AP) A Mercer County metal tube plant will close in two months, idling 115 workers, if the owners can't find someone to buy it, the company said.

The owners of the Wheatland Tube Co., formerly known as the Sawhill Tube plant, said the plant has lost money for years. They said they couldn't turn a profit.

United Steelworkers Local 1016-07, which represents most of the workers at the plant, said they've been asked to meet Thursday with a group that wants to buy the plant. Union officials said the plant might be sold and remain open if a contract can be reached with the suitors.

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Apparently, campfires are not the only things smoking up in Yellowstone...

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) When Christopher Cranford came to Old Faithful, it wasn't as a tourist; it was to make money peddling drugs. And in the heart of the world's first national park, officials say he found a market.

By park standards, Cranford's arrest last spring was a big-time bust - one that investigators say crimped the flow of drugs into Yellowstone National Park. But they know, too, there are others like Cranford ready to step in to sell drugs to the mostly young workers who spend their summers at park hot spots, busing tables, selling souvenirs and cleaning guest rooms.

"I think it's a matter of users drawing suppliers," said Chris Fors, a Yellowstone special agent. "Service workers create demand."

Drug use among service workers is among the many headaches law enforcement officers in Yellowstone and nearby Grand Teton National Park must deal with. Park officials say drug cases in the park each summer largely involve seasonal workers, many of them young college students on summer break, employed through private concession companies.

And while most arrests are for simple possession charges, park officials and the concession companies that hire the workers take each case seriously, aware that those involved with drugs also are more likely to be involved in other crimes in the park.

"Someone with a significant illegal drug habit is more likely to embezzle and steal from guests' rooms and cars," said Brian Smith, supervisory special agent at Yellowstone. "The public has a right to feel that they're safe and not going to be victimized when they come to a national park."

Employers and park officials tell workers upfront the consequences of drug use - which range from being fired to facing federal drug charges.

"We're very aware of the drug situation. But I don't think we have a problem," said Clay James, president of Grand Teton Lodge Co., which runs gas stations, shops and other tourist businesses in Grand Teton and has about 1,050 employees by early summer. Drug use is taken seriously and "we respond very quickly if we have a need to do so," he said.

Park officials say the concessioners cooperate in investigations and that other employees often provide tips.

Yellowstone's leading concessioner, Xanterra Parks and Resorts, declined requests from The Associated Press for comment. But on its Web site, the company warns prospective employees that drugs are not tolerated and that employees may be subject to drug tests.

Fors said drug use among workers is not an overwhelming problem in Yellowstone, but is a persistent one. And busy rangers, whose duties range from directing traffic at "bear jams" to patrolling the park boundaries for poachers, may not be able to devote the time some law enforcement agencies can to go after drug sellers and users.

Investigators said Cranford was selling marijuana and other drugs in the park for several years before he was finally arrested last May. He often timed his visits to coincide with employee pay days, officials said.

Found with 93 grams of marijuana, he pleaded guilty to a federal drug distribution charge in December and was sentenced to a year in prison, officials said.

Possession, often of marijuana, comprised the bulk of the 72 drug cases at Yellowstone last year, and the 26 cases at Grand Teton, officials said. While they do not keep a tally of how many of those arrests were of seasonal workers, Fors said they make up the "overwhelming" number of the arrests.

Dennis Burnett, the Park Service's law enforcement administrator, said the type of drug activity that occurs varies with each national park, and often depends on its proximity to urban areas.

The situation in Yellowstone and Grand Teton pales, for instance, to the problems faced in California's Sequoia National Park, where investigators last year found an unheard-of 37 marijuana gardens and makeshift campsites for growers within the park's boundaries. The campsites contained guns and chemicals.

Investigators at Sequoia believe tighter security at border crossings with Mexico since the Sept. 11, 2001 is fueling a trend of growing drugs closer to their markets. Just three marijuana gardens were found in 2001, park spokeswoman Kris Fister said.

At Yosemite National Park in California, drug cases, including investigations and arrests, have increased 10 percent to 20 percent in each of the past five years, said Don Coehlo, the deputy chief ranger for law enforcement services. Many cases involve the use of methamphetamine.

What all the parks share, however, is concern about law enforcement staffing, because rangers' workloads are strained already.

"Variety is the beauty of the job but the work can be dizzying," said Tim Reid, a supervisory ranger at Yellowstone, which has about 50 permanent law enforcement rangers for the roughly 2.2 million-acre park and about 3 million visitors each year.

From 1980 to 2002, over 60 new units were added to the National Park system and others were expanded. Annual visitations rose from 300 million to 425 million people. Meanwhile, field staff was constant at best and in many cases declined, causing some campsites to close and backcountry to go unwatched, said Jeff McFarland, executive director of the Association of National Park Rangers.

Fors said officials in Yellowstone are trying to place more emphasis on drug cases with the hope that more vigilance will help drive the problem away. The park is even planning to add a drug-sniffing dog.

"The average visitor thinks this is Fantasy Land," Fors added. "People don't want to believe it can happen here; they want this to be a safe harbor. But I think criminals may feel like it's Fantasy Land, too."

Gulf War veteran remembers war tragedies

ANDOVER, Massachusetts (AP) David Hartman, who commanded an air defense battalion outside Tel Aviv during the Gulf War, remembers the thrill of watching a Patriot missile race into the sky and destroy an incoming Iraqi Scud.

He also remembers the sickening feeling when 28 U.S. soldiers were killed in a barracks in Saudi Arabia, after a Patriot system failed.

"Soldiers were depending on Patriot to protect them and it didn't," said Hartman, now an executive at Raytheon Corp., whose factory is churning out new Patriots in the event of a second war with Iraq. "That's our mission: not to let that happen again."

Since the 1991 war, the military has spent $3 billion to upgrade older Patriots, or Pac-2s, and develop a new version, called the Pac-3, which is built by Lockheed Martin Corp. but plugs into Raytheon radars and launchers.

While Pac-2s explode near targets and try to bring them down with shrapnel, the PAC-3 is designed to obliterate incoming missiles, such as Iraqi Scuds, by ramming them head-on.

Still, there are doubts that the anti-missile missile is up to the prodigious task of knocking Scuds out of the sky.

Politically, the Patriot was a hero of the Gulf War for keeping Israel out of the conflict and preserving the coalition. Former President George H. W. Bush visited the factory here to thank workers who built the missile.

But the Patriot's tactical achievements came under fire almost as soon as the shooting stopped.

The Army backed off initial claims that the Patriot successfully engaged 80 percent of the Scuds it was fired against. A congressional report concluded that Patriots downed Scuds just four times in 47 firings.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology missile expert Theodore Postol declared in 1991 there was no evidence the Patriots ever hit a Scud.

Would the Patriot perform better in a second war with Iraq? Raytheon says the improvements expand the "effective defended footprint" - i.e. the area the missiles can reliably protect - by a factor of seven over the Persian Gulf War.

Although Raytheon won't provide specifics, Gulf War-era Patriots were only designed to protect an airport-sized area from an incoming ballistic missile, said Tim Carey, Raytheon's vice president of the Patriot line.

"Now you can start thinking about protecting a metropolitan region," Carey said.

Raytheon has a lot riding on the Patriot's success. While it has a second shift working on upgrades for the U.S. order, foreign sales have been slow. The company told workers Wednesday it planned to lay off 300 people at the plant here.

Carey says the debate over the success rate is old news. Investigators found it almost impossible to determine whether Scuds were brought down by exploding Patriots or their own malfunctions.

But he acknowledges there were shortcomings. By the Army's count, the Patriot was 70 percent effective over Saudi Arabia and 40 percent over Israel. In revamping the Patriot, engineers have paid particular attention to the disparity.

Part of the explanation was that even missiles that may have been hit were still falling on populated suburbs in Israel. The first improvement was to build wireless launchers that can now be placed 30 kilometers (19 miles) from their radar and control trucks.

But the crux of the problem was that Scuds fired at Israel had farther to travel. They were launched higher and descended faster, pushing the number-crunching systems inside the Patriot to their limits.

Now, Raytheon says, those systems are far more powerful. Signals from Doppler pulse radar, installed in 1995, are processed by software that gives readings precise enough to distinguish between parts of a missile that breaks up in flight. It can steer the Patriot to the warhead.

Meanwhile, development of the interceptor missiles has split down two paths. Raytheon has been upgrading the old Pac-2 missiles, first designed for the easier task of downing aircraft.

Raytheon says Patriots are being deployed in every country in the region surrounding Iraq where American troops are stationed, which would include Kuwait, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Bahrain.

Air Marshalls continue to keep our skies friendly

WASHINGTON (AP) A plane was diverted Saturday after air marshals arrested a passenger after he began shouting "Majority rules! Turn the plane around!" and walked toward an exit door during a flight from New York's LaGuardia Airport to New Orleans.

Richard Perez, 30, of Bay Shore, N.Y., was arrested and taken to a hospital after the plane landed at Charlotte, N.C., said Robert Johnson, spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration.

Johnson said crew members had told Perez to sit down after he walked toward the front of the plane and started yelling. He returned to his seat, then got up and shouted again as he headed for an exit door before three passengers and an air marshal intervened, Johnson said.

"It took one air marshal and three off-duty police officers to subdue this guy," he said.

The other air marshal made sure the passengers remained calm, Johnson said. Perez was not armed.

The plane left Charlotte and landed in New Orleans about noon, said Michelle Duffourc, spokeswoman for the New Orleans international airport.

National Briefs

Airport security enhanced

MIAMI (AP) A project to streamline baggage screening at the Port of Miami is enhancing security while reducing hassles for travelers, federal officials said Sunday.

The Transportation Security Administration's 90-day test program lets passengers getting off cruise ships have their baggage screened for explosives at the port. The bags are then taken by a sealed truck to Miami International Airport and moved directly onto flights.

The pilot project was developed for passengers aboard Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. and American Airlines.

"With their boarding pass they can bypass the screening at the airport, head directly to the gate and they don't have those hassles that perhaps many of you have had most recently," said Steve Rybicki, director of passenger security for the TSA's maritime and land division.

TSA officials said the program will likely be expanded. Other airlines and cruise lines have expressed interest in developing similar programs, they said.

The TSA was created after the Sept. 11 attacks to manage overall security at commercial airports. The agency was placed under the control of the new Homeland Security Department on Saturday.

Anti-gay demonstrations

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (AP) A handful of demonstrators from a Kansas group known nationally for its extreme anti-gay views picketed a Mary Washington College performance Saturday night of a play about the notorious murder of a gay student.

The anti-gay demonstrators from Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan., were met by about 400 students holding a candlelight vigil. The counter-protesters included Mary Washington College students and students from other schools, including Longwood University, the University of Virginia and Old Dominion University, who traveled to Fredericksburg specifically to participate.

The reason for the groups' presence was a performance of a play, "The Laramie Project," about the murder in 1998 of openly gay college student Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyo., and the community's reaction to the slaying.

Westboro Baptist Church stages frequent anti-gay demonstrations across the country. The group is led by the Rev. Fred Waldron Phelps Sr., a Primitive Baptist minister who also has picketed against evangelist Billy Graham.

The church is not affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. The Southern Poverty Law Center, an Alabama-based organization that monitors hate groups, lists Westboro Baptist Church as an "active hate group."

In Fredericksburg, the group's members held signs proclaiming, "Matt in Hell" and "God Hates America." Group leader Phelps has previously said that the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks were God's punishment against America for tolerating homosexuality.

Dali drawing stolen

NEW YORK (AP) A sketch drawn by Surrealist artist Salvador Dali for a former Correction Department commissioner was stolen from the lobby of the men's jail at Rikers Island, officials said Sunday.

Workers discovered it was missing Saturday from a locked display case. The framed sketch, which depicts Jesus Christ on the cross, had been replaced by a copy of the drawing.

"It is something that they see every day," said Correction Department spokesman Tom Antenen, "and something didn't look right about it yesterday."

A 1985 appraisal concluded that Dali work was worth at least $175,000, Antenen said, but an art expert told The New York Times in 2001 that it was worth at least three times that amount.

Dali drew the sketch in 1965 as a favor to then-commissioner Anna Moscowitz Kross. It was displayed in the jail's dining room for 16 years before being moved to the lobby.

Antenen said the copy would be removed from the display case as evidence. He said the department was investigating the theft and trying to determine who would have had access.

"You can't rule anything out at this point," he said.

Security worries in Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) Hawaii's largest shipping company on Saturday expressed concern over what it considers a lack of security and screening of incoming containers from foreign ports.

"If one were to plant a dirty bomb in a container, we wouldn't know what was in that container," said Dale Hazlehurst, a representative for Matson Navigation Co.

His comments came at a House Select Committee on War Preparedness meeting.

State Adjutant Gen. Robert Lee said the military is working on technology that X-rays containers.

Lee said the technology will be used soon in some overseas ports.

At the meeting, officials for Matson and Horizon Lines also assured to do their best to minimize shipping disruptions if war breaks out between the United States and Iraq.

"We do have vessels that could be deployed from other places or vessels that today are laid up that would be activated and could provide continuous service to the state," said Brian Taylor, a Horizon Lines vice president.

The shipping companies said local retailers usually prepare well by stockpiling goods before any shipping disruptions occur.

Teen dies after bad surgery

LOUISBURG, N.C. (AP) The teenager who died last week after a botched heart-lung transplant will be interred at a cemetery here.

Family spokesman Mack Mahoney said Saturday the family of Jesica Santillan had decided to put the girl's body in a mausoleum at Lancaster Memorial Gardens.

He said the family will have a public service at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Jesica's family had considered returning her body to their native Mexico. They decided to stay in the United States after talking to an immigration lawyer.

The parents paid smugglers to bring them into the United States four years ago and were concerned that they might not be allowed back in the United States.

Jesica waited three years for a transplant before the botched operation at Duke University Medical Center last month.

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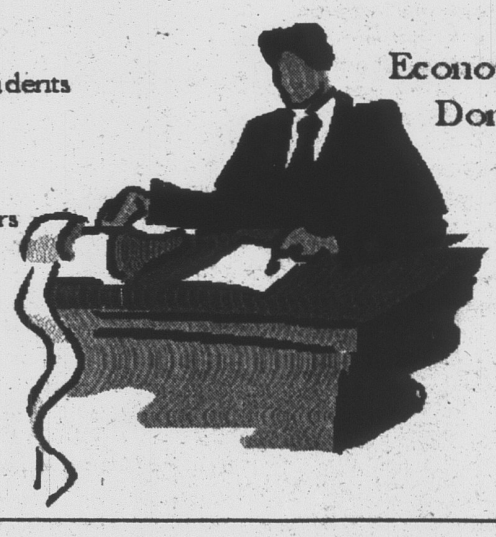

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INTERNATIONAL

Discontent with Iranian elections

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) Hard-line candidates swept to victory in local Iranian council elections, the Interior Ministry announced Sunday, a reflection of public discontent with reformers' inability to initiate serious social and political change in this conservative Islamic state.

Voter turnout was high in many cities and villages throughout the country except in the capital, Tehran, where a meager 10 percent of eligible voters cast ballots, the Interior Ministry announced Sunday.

Hard-liners, who had not won in local elections in eight years, took 14 of 15 possible fixed seats on the Tehran City Council, even as large hard-line groups effectively boycotted the polls, with lower-level hard-liner candidates running independently.

Just three leading reformists, including Mostafa Tajzadeh, and liberal dissident Ali Reza Rajaei were elected as standby members in Tehran, together with a few independent candidates, in case any of the 15 winners fail to claim their seats.

Even before final results were announced, reformists conceded defeat but said the ruling establishment should note the significant decline in voter turnout.

"We accept that we have been defeated (and) ... we need to learn our lessons for future political competitions," prominent reformist lawmaker Ali Shakouri-Rad told an open session of the parliament Sunday.

"(But) the refusal of a huge segment of the population to turn out means they have lost belief in voting. They felt that their vote can't bring any changes and felt their vote was useless," he said in comments broadcast live on state-run Tehran radio.

Friday's elections took place amid public frustration over the lack of social, political and economic reforms being delivered by the pro-reform government of Iranian President Mohammad Khatami.

Reformists say Khatami's policies for change have been stymied by the country's hard-line establishment, which is run by Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Nearly 225,000 candidates, including 6,000 women, stood for 185,000 village and city council seats. Liberal dissidents, who the conservative clerics have accused of trying to overthrow the Islamic establishment, competed for the first time in two decades. They oppose Iran's hard-line clerical rule and are seeking nonviolent democratic change.

While voter numbers were low in Tehran, Interior Ministry officials said up to 95 percent of eligible voters turned out in villages and small towns across Iran.

Terrorist arrested in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) An al-Qaida operative on the FBI's most-wanted list was among three men arrested in a raid near Islamabad, a senior government official said Saturday.

Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed described the suspect as a "very important person" but refused to identify him.

He is one of two men of Middle Eastern origin arrested in the raid Friday on their hideout in Rawalpindi, outside Islamabad, said Iftikar Ahmad, an Interior Ministry spokesman.

The third man arrested is a Pakistani who is believed to have trained as a terrorist in Afghanistan, intelligence officials said.

Ahmad said the three were members of al-Qaida, Osama bin Laden's terror network. He wouldn't identify the main operative but said he is not bin Laden, the chief suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

U.S. intelligence officials believe several senior al-Qaida suspects who fled the war on terror in Afghanistan found refuge in Pakistan, often sheltered by militant Islamic groups based here.

Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, is believed to be in Pakistan. Also believed to be hiding in Pakistan is Saeed Al Kadr, an Egyptian Canadian who was suspected of involvement in the mid-1990s bombing of the Egyptian Embassy in Pakistan. He had close ties to bin Laden.

Ahmad said the Pakistani suspect arrested Friday, Abdul Qadoos, is believed to be linked to a local extremist group. He did not identify the group.

The Pakistani religious group Jamaat-e-Islami said Qadoos is a member but has no links to al-Qaida or any other terrorist group.

At a news conference in Rawalpindi Saturday, two local leaders of the group said the FBI conducted the raid and carried out the arrest.

A spokesman at the U.S. Embassy said that he didn't know whether the FBI was involved but said "we do have excellent cooperation with the Pakistanis.

"We provide technical assistance but they conduct their own arrests."

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf said a small number of FBI agents are in Pakistan but only to provide intelligence on al-Qaida or Taliban fugitives from neighboring Afghanistan.

However, Pakistani police and intelligence officials say FBI agents have been involved in nearly every important terror arrest in Pakistan.

International Briefs

Prince Charles in trouble

LONDON (AP) Prince Charles' private secretary will investigate reports that the prince accepted money from a Turkish media mogul being sued in the United States for fraud, the royal family said Sunday.

Two Sunday newspapers reported that Cem Uzan donated $630,000 to the Prince's Foundation charity and met with Charles on three occasions, including a June 2000 dinner hosted by Charles and his companion, Camilla Parker Bowles.

Uzan and members of his family are being sued by mobile phone giants Motorola and Nokia for failing to repay more than $2 billion in loans.

A spokeswoman for Charles's office at St. James's Palace said the prince's private secretary would look into "any evidence of wrongdoing" supplied by the Sunday Times and the Mail on Sunday newspapers.

Uzan, 42, is one of Turkey's most controversial businessmen. His family holds a controlling stake in Istanbul-based Telekomunikasyon Hizmetlei AS, or Telsim Mobil, one of Turkey's largest telecoms companies, and owns newspapers, television and radio stations. Uzan also heads a political party, the Youth Party.

The prince's private secretary, Sir Michael Peat, is currently investigating other reports of palace wrongdoing - including claims the royals passed expensive but unwanted presents to their servants or tried to sell them for cash - arising from the collapsed theft trial of former royal butler Paul Burrell.

US troops raid Afghan base

JALALABAD, Afghanistan (AP) U.S. troops raided the compound of a security chief in eastern Afghanistan, arresting him and two others and seizing heavy weapons, an official and the security chief's son said Sunday.

Haji Ghalib, the chief of security for Ghanikhel district of Nangarhar province, was apprehended in the raid late Saturday, a senior police official in the regional capital, Jalalabad, said on condition of anonymity. Ghanikhel is about 40 kilometers (25 miles) to the east.

The official gave no reason for Ghalib's arrest.

Ghalib's son, Mohammed Shafiq, said the U.S. forces also seized missiles, mortars and a large quantity of anti-tank mines during the arrest. The two people detained along with Ghalib were not identified.

China keeps inspecting Iraq

BEIJING (AP) Responding to the latest report by U.N. weapons inspectors, China said Sunday it wants continued inspections in Iraq and appealed for Baghdad to cooperate.

The statement reported by the official Xinhua News Agency echoed earlier appeals for inspections instead of force. China joined Russia in issuing a joint statement Thursday saying war with Iraq "can and should be avoided."

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Kong Quan said the report Friday to the U.N. Security Council showed progress but said some questions remain and listed major remaining tasks, Xinhua said.

"This indicates once again that the continuation of arms inspections is both necessary and urgent," Kong was paraphrased as saying in the brief dispatch.

It said Kong appealed to Iraq to "provide further, more active and more substantial cooperation and to deal seriously" with the questions raised by the inspectors.

Beijing, a permanent Security Council member with power to veto U.N. actions, opposes a U.S.- and British-backed council resolution authorizing war with Iraq.

France and Russia, also permanent members with veto power, along with Germany are pushing a plan to strengthen weapons inspections and continue them for at least four more months.

Anti-war rally in Japan

TOKYO (AP) Over 6,000 Japanese formed the human letters "No War" in a park in western Japan Sunday in a rally against a possible U.S.-led attack on Iraq.

Gathering in Hiroshima City, which was devastated by a U.S. atomic bomb in the closing days of World War II, the chanting protesters carried brightly colored "We Love Peace" placards.

They filed peacefully under blue skies to spell out the words, "No War No DU" - the latter a reference to depleted uranium, a slightly radioactive heavy metal used by U.S. aircraft in munitions during bombings in the 1991 Gulf War.

Concerns have arisen that the dust created by hits with depleted uranium shells could cause cancer or metal poisoning. It has also been shown to prompt kidney failure in higher concentrations.

About 160,000 people were killed directly by the Aug. 6, 1945, atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima. An additional 65,000 are believed to have died from the effects of radioactive fallout.

Opposition to war runs strong in Japan, which adopted a constitution renouncing the use of force in international disputes after World War II.

Media polls in the last two months have shown Japanese public opposition to a military strike on Iraq consistent at about 80 percent.

SPORTS

Athletic teams to travel during the spring break

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

Over Spring Break, four Titan athletic squads will travel south to enjoy warm weather competition.

The men's baseball team travels to Fort Pierce, Florida, while the women's softball squad will compete in Orlando, Florida. The men's tennis team will be competing in Hilton Head, North Carolina, and the men's golf team will be hitting the links at Saint Simon's Island near Brunswick, Georgia.

"Going south gives us a jump start to the season," sophomore golfer Scott Voelker said. "If you look outside, there's no way with all the snow that we'll be golfing up here for possibly a month."

Voelker is not alone is his assumption that the warm weather provides these Titan squads the opportunity to earn valuable game experience.

"It [going south] gives us the opportunity to play some games because we don't have that opportunity yet in the north," sophomore baseball player Bryan Hilbert said. "Competitively, we'll get an early season idea of the strengths and weaknesses we may need to focus on or address."

Each team will face different and full schedules.. The baseball team will play seven games beginning with Northwood College. Their remaining schedule includes Wentworth, Scranton, Northwestern, Webster, Curry and Norwich.

The softball team will face Denison in the first and final games of their Southern trip. They will also play Ithaca, Muskingum, Anderson, Mount Union, Cortland State, Bridgewater, Marietta and Ohio Wesleyan.

The men's tennis squad will play four matches against Heidelberg, Green Mountain, Baldwin-Wallace and Transylvania.

When the golfers travel to Georgia, they'll play the Hampton Club, a "Golfer's Digest" four-star course.

The South will provide these Titan teams with game experience, because considering the lengthy and miserable winter here, they may not see action in PA for a while.

Softball program one of the best in the country

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - There's something to be said for consistency. Programs rise and fall from year to year in college athletics, but only the best are able to sustain a tradition of winning over a long period of time. Under that criteria, the Westminster College softball program certainly qualifies as one of the best in the region, if not the country.

Now entering her seventh season as head coach, Jan Reddinger leads a program which has posted a winning record in 20 of the past 21 seasons. She returns nine of 13 letterwinners, including six starters, from last year's 17-12 team. The 2002 Lady Titans posted an 8-2 mark against teams from the NCAA Division III Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), with both losses coming by one run to NCAA Elite Eight participant Bethany. Westminster was also selected for the ECAC Division II playoffs for the second consecutive season in 2002, finishing third in a four-team field.

The 2003 campaign brings new challenges for the Lady Titan softball program. With Westminster completing its reclassification from NCAA Division II to NCAA Division III, the program will be eligible for PAC championships and Division III national playoffs for the first time.

Leading the way for the Lady Titans will be senior pitcher Darcy Sutton (Pittsburgh/Fox Chapel H.S.), a two-time Verizon Academic All-District selection. Sutton earned the decision in all but one game for Westminster in 2002, posting a 17-11 record and 2.35 ERA en route to ECAC D-II All-Region honors.

Joining Sutton in the senior class is shortstop Laura Raible (Gibsonia/Pine-Richland H.S.) and catcher Amy Putas (McKees Rocks/Our Lady of Sacred Heart H.S.). Raible was the team's leading hitter in 2002 (.307, team-best 18 RBIs) and returns to man the shortstop position once again in 2003. Putas saw time as a starter a year ago, batting .286 with seven RBIs.

A pair of juniors return in Rachel Lawrence (Canonsburg/Canon-McMillan H.S.) and Julie Zappa (Pittsburgh/Shaler H.S.). Lawrence, who is capable of playing multiple positions, hit .262 as a platoon starter in 2002. Zappa, a catcher who played for the Lady Titans for the first time in 2002, made an impact as a starter late in the season by hitting .389 over a nine-game span.

The sophomore class is led by Heidi Kimmel (Poland, OH/Poland Seminary H.S.), the team's returning starter at first base. Kimmel batted .238 with a team-high three triples and 10 RBIs as a rookie, while also stealing eight bases. Three other sophomores who saw limited playing time as freshmen - infielders Lauren Boris (Gibsonia/North Allegheny H.S.), Katie Porter (New Wilmington/West Middlesex H.S.) and Elizabeth King (East Brady/Karns City H.S.) - each will battle for additional innings in 2003.

As has been customary throughout her coaching tenure, Reddinger has brought in another deep and talented freshman class for the upcoming season. The eight-player class includes three pitchers in Danielle Kepics (Canfield, OH/Cardinal Mooney H.S.), Nicole McCrone (Madison, OH/Perry H.S.) and Katie Parfitt (Roulette/Port Allegany H.S.), as Reddinger looks to develop a consistent second and third starter behind Sutton. Other newcomers include catcher Maryalice Skinner (Erie/McDowell H.S.), infielder Abby Mazar (Oakdale/West Allegheny H.S.), infielder/outfielders Karisa Nielson (Columbus, OH/Hilliard Davidson H.S.) and Melissa DePaul (Bridgeville/South Fayette H.S.), and outfielder Erica Pavlinch (Nanty Glo/Blacklick Valley H.S.).

Sports briefs

Westminster Men Remain in Lead

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - The Westminster College men and the Grove City College women continue to lead the race for the 2002-03 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) All-Sports Trophies.The all-sports trophies are awarded to the schools which perform the best across the board in league competition. First-place finishes are worth six points, second place five points, third place four points, and so on.

In men's competition, Westminster used a first place finish in swimming to maintain the lead it originally took after the fall semester. However, Washington & Jefferson (PAC wrestling runner-up), Grove City (PAC basketball champion) and Thiel (PAC wrestling champion and basketball runner-up) have all narrowed the gap. The Titans, who are in their first season of eligibility for conference awards, have 25 points and are followed by Washington & Jefferson (23.5 points), 2001-02 champion Grove City (21.5), Thiel (19.5), Bethany (14), and Waynesburg (12.5).

On the women's side, Grove City used a second-place finish in basketball and third-place finish in swimming to maintain the lead it earned after the fall season, GCC finished the winter season with 31 points, followed by Westminster (29.5 points), Washington & Jefferson (20), Bethany (17), Waynesburg (12.5) and Thiel (12).

Women's Swimmers Selected for Division Championships

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa - Two members of the Westminster Collegewomen's swimming team have been seelcted to compete at the 2003 NCAA Division III Women's Swimming & Diving Championships, which will be hosted by Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., on March 13-15, 2003.

Senior Stefanie King (Ashville, NY/Panama Central H.S.) and junior Brittany Jardine (Allison Park/North Allegheny H.S.) will each compete at the national meet. King will swim in the 100 & 200 breaststroke as well as the 200 individual medley, while Jardine will swim in the 50 freestyle as well as the 100 & 200 butterfly. King will be competing at the national level for the fourth consecutive year, having swam at the NCAA Division II National Championships the past three years (earning five All-America laurels), while Jardine also qualified for the D-II Championships as a freshman in 2001 and was a two-time All-American.

"Some people thought moving from Division II to Division III would be a step down for us, but it is actually harder to qualify for the Division III Championships in swimming," said 18th-year Westminster head swimming coach Rob Klamut. "The Division III National Championship is a very prestigious event, and we are very fortunate to qualify two swimmers for it in our first year of Division III eligibility. There are many teams who wait years to get even one swimmer to the national meet."

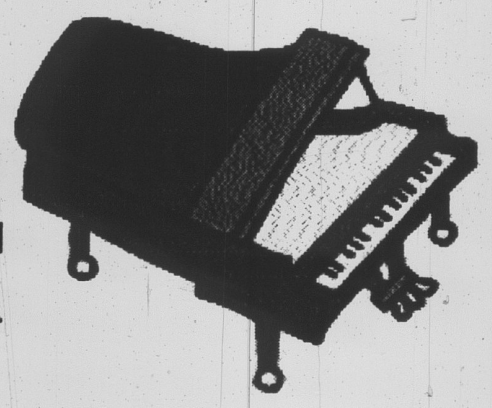
The NCAA will announce the participants for the Division III Men's Swimming & Diving Championships this Friday, March 7. The men's national meet will also be hosted by Emory University in Atlanta on March 20-22, 2003. Westminster seniors Jim Mann (Indiana/The Kiski School) and Seth Bontrager (Elkhart, IN/Concord H.S.) and junior Matt Buzard (Massillon, OH/Massillon-Washington H.S.) are among those hoping for an invitation.

Men's Tennis

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa - The Westminster College men's tennis team opened the 2003 season on a down note tonight, as the Titan netters dropepd a 7-0 non-conference decision to Mount Union College in a match played indoors in Alliance, Ohio. The teams played prosets in both singles and doubles, with the Purple Raiders sweeping all three doubles contests to earn the team doubles point.

Westminster men's tennis is back in action this Thursday, March 6, as the Titans open Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) competition with a match at PAC rival Bethany College in Bethany, W.Va., beginning at 4 p.m.

Sidetracks



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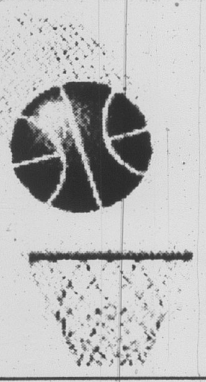


OPINION

Rant and Rave

If you have a computer of your own...why use mine?

Don't beat your kids.

The ResLife girls in Ferg are the best on campus!

I love being Greek!!

Anit-war is not anti-American!

If you're raising tuition, why not raise my scholarship? I'm not working any less.

I support the Independent life!

Schmeeka! Schmeeka!

<Insert random philosophical thought here>

When I was 6 years old I rolled down the stairs inside a garbage can.

RARR!!! Killer apples!

My boyfriend is pretty sexy.

I wish people would do what they're suposed to do when they're suposed to do it and not shaft it off on other people.

Everyone on this campus is a slacker.

Do not deny the rubber pants!

Hey look! It's spring break!

O.J. Simpson was guilty!

It's still cold.

I need tacos. I need them or I will explode...

I don't remember being born. It must have been during one of my black outs.

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: Self Defense

Imagine there is a man named Bob (take no offense if your name happens to be Bob, this is all a hypothetical). Bob is a complete and utter jerk. No one likes him, but for the most part he keeps to himself. Now, there are a few people whom Bob really hates. He really hates this guy Jim, in particular (once again, no offense to any Jims out there-this is all fictional). Bob makes fun of Jim behind his back and in front of his back too. He calls Jim names and makes threats: "I'm going to stuff you in a locker." "I'm going to beat you up." "I'm going to kill you."

Normally Jim ignores the threats, but the last one-"I'm going to kill you"-really disturbs him. Jim starts to think "Is Bob really going to kill me? I don't know. How is he going to kill me? Does he have guns?" Jim is so scared that he calls the police, and they search Bob's house and yes, he has guns, but he has permits for them and they cannot find any reason to take the weapons away. The police tell Jim that he has no reason to worry and do nothing.

Jim's mind is not eased. Bob gives him weird looks whenever they pass in the hall, and Jim knows, he knows in his gut that Bob will try to kill him. So that night, Jim sneaks into Bob's house and attacks Bob before Bob can try to kill him. In the fight, much of Bob's house is damaged and Jim accidentally shoots Bob's cat instead of Bob, but in the end Jim wrestles free and kills Bob.

After seeing what he has done, Jim runs away and hides under his bed. He hides the gun he used, but forensic evidence being what it is, the police find him and link him to the crime easily. Jim is arrested and taken to jail.

> Take no offense if your name happens to be Bob, this is all a hypothetical.

At the trial, Jim pleads self-defense. He tells the judge, "Bob told me he would kill me, and he had guns, so I killed him first. It was self defense."

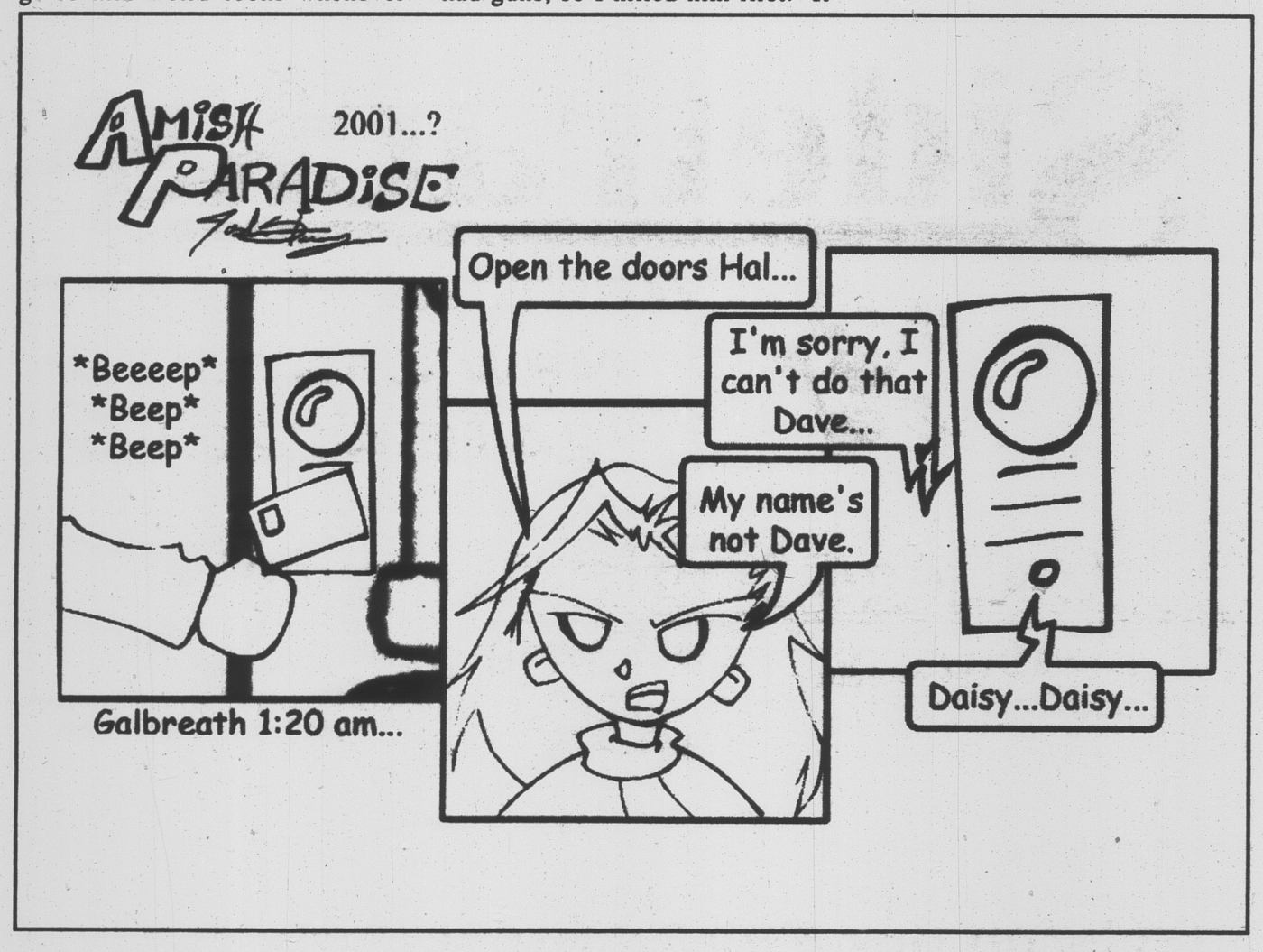
The policemen who searched Bob's house testify that yes he had weapons, but he had permits as well and they could find no evidence that Bob was planning on killing Jim.

Jim's friends testify that Bob was a jerk, and Bob's family also testified that "Yes he was a jerk, but he was our jerk you had no right to kill him."

The jury takes a long time deliberating. It is hard to decide whether or not Jim is guilty. On the one hand, Bob had been threatening him; on the other hand, he had never attacked him physically. So, after three long days talking the case over and over and looking at every angle, the jury makes a decision.

True, Bob was a jerk, and he threatened to kill Jim, but Bob never took any direct actions against him. In fact, Jim attacked him first. Despite what Jim might have believed in his gut, he had no right to attack Bob. The jury proclaimed Jim guilty and the judge sent him off to jail for life.

Luckily Jim did not live in Texas. Otherwise he might have been sentenced to death.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I've recently noticed your guest editorials in the Holcad. With those in mind, i am e-mailing you a letter i recently received from a friend in Denmark. I think his views are interesting and all readers would benefit from hearing a European's opinion on the looming war.

Respectfully,
Marshall

Editors Note: The following letter was sent to Marshall Campbell from Ib Tagel-Faaborg, Denmark

Looks like we are going to have an internal European crisis now that Germany, France and Russia once again are trying to act as masters of us all - two world wars is apparently not enough for them to realize that we all owe our peace in Europe to USA - and once again it is time to show our gratitude to your country for helping us to maintain peace and justice in our part of the world. It is really painful for us in Denmark to experience that these former Great Power Nations now seem to have forgotten our history and, mainly France, are trying to act as if only they have the key to solve the problems.

I really do hope that Bush stands strong and continues to stop terrorist dictators wherever they may appear - we are tired of Hitler's, Lenin's, Milocovich's etc. Attempts to benefit of our democratic way of life - it has already cost so many lives in wars until now - so we have to stop it right now with a sharp and powerful reaction against those who try to destroy our democracies, where freedom to think and speak is a must. If we do not act now we shall lose this, maybe our last chance to avoid destruction of the world we have been fighting for, for so many generations. If we do not act now we might as well close down the U.N. and rename it to Useless Nations. Over here in Denmark we all do hope that the hesitation is over - and as far as I can tell it's high time to remember the victims of sept.11 with respect - stating that we never again shall tolerate this kind of inhuman terror. With pride I support your country and with longing I look forward to revisit the American shores, where the feeling of freedom and open space is so intense.

With love,
Ib

Guest Editorial: French Friends

by Bryan Oberle
Erie Times-News

Close friends are the hardest ones to endure. If casual friends become annoying, they are ignored or brushed aside. You lose their phone number. But real friends _ the kind you fight wars with _ must be tolerated. The relationship requires effort, work and understanding.

The dynamics in America's long relationship with France are fascinating. One argument many Americans raise as the French government resists an American-led war against Iraq is our buddies, the French, are ungrateful. The theory is since thousands of American soldiers gave their lives liberating France from German occupation, the French must blindly follow each and every American whim to repay the cost in blood.

That doesn't sound like friendship. The sounds more like a relationship dominated by a sense of servitude. France isn't the 51st state.

The truth is French gratitude for America's World War II actions are there for anyone to witness with a trip across the Atlantic. American military cemeteries litter the French countryside from Normandy to the Ardennes. The lush grounds, dotted by rows of white crosses, are held in reverence by the French.

No, the French have not forgotten America's central role in their liberation. But they also don't believe history's facts obligate them to serve as another American yes-man in Europe.

It's understandable why so many Americans can't fathom why the French government and the general French population won't accept President Bush's view that Iraq and Saddam Hussein pose a mortal threat. France does seem eager to thwart America's war plans. It's a hobby.

But the man on the street in Paris is liable to agree with French President Jacques Chirac when he asks why is Iraq suddenly public enemy No. 1 12 years after the first Gulf War? This is not an unreasonable question. Many Americans pose the same inquiry.

The fact that the United States would likely be Canada if not for France's crucial intervention in our Revolutionary War doesn't hold much stock on our shores. Many Americans are inclined to believe that after 222 years, America's debts to Admiral Comte De Grasse, Marquis de Lafayette and General Comte de Rochambeau were paid in full on D-Day. As if the French Fleet's heroics before Yorktown can easily be brushed aside with a denigrating, ``hell, that's ancient history."

In the end, this illogical debate accomplishes nothing. France and the United States are old friends and allies. Our histories are eternally intertwined amid today's disputes. Without France, would the United States exist? Without America, what of France?

Yes, the French government's interest in creating an alternative to American influence in Europe and the world is frustrating, and often grating. So bash France if you must. But France is merely doing what French governments from Louis IV's to Napoleon's to Chirac's set out to do.

France must lead Europe. France must be heard. France is, as they say, being France.

So, what's a disagreement among friends? A year from now, nothing.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

The Life of David Gale and Bringing Down the House

The Life of David Gale
Biz Adams

Last weekend I saw The Life of David Gale, a dramatic thriller about a man who spent his life crusading against the death penalty, only to find himself convicted of murder and sentenced to death. In Texas. Dadada dummmm.

Kevin Spacey plays David Gale, the philosophy professor accused of murdering his colleague, Constance Hallaway. Spacey's roles are dissolving into one huge tragic hero. In K-PAX, Pay It Forward and American Beauty he plays unappreciated, semi-tortured and well-meaning men who are going through mid-life crises. I, for one, am getting tired of his altruistic streak. Remember Se7en? He played psychopath John Doe so well that for years I couldn't even watch the man do an interview without cringing. Anyway, enough about Spacey.

Kate Winslet plays reporter Bitsey Bloom . Through her interviews with Gale and her time spent doing "detective" work, Bloom discovers some disturbing things about Gale's life and imminent death. For a hardened journalist, Bloom melts fairly quickly under Gale's story, but otherwise their interaction is believable and integral to the storyline.

The movie has a good plot and moves at a nice pace. I never ever figure movies out before they end, but I basically knew where this movie was going and how it was getting there. I think that is a testament to how good the movie really is because most, if not all, of the information is there for the audience to piece together.

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The House: This movie is not funny.

Bringing Down the House

The premise: Con artist (Latifah) poses as the Internet girlfriend of an affluent suburbanite (Martin, again) to weasel her way into his home. The tag line: ``Everything he needed to know about life, she learned in prison." (Which is a little more original than the first two, but you get the point.)

It starts out amusingly enough, albeit in a ``You've Got Mail" sort of way. Tax attorney Peter Sanderson (Martin) is nervously preparing for his first date with Charlene Morton (Latifah), with whom he's conducted a giddy online affair. (He met her in a chat room for attorneys, where her screen name is ``Lawyer Girl.")

This opening section is the only part that depicts reality in any form, as Peter and Charlene carefully choose their words to make themselves sound desirable. He describes himself as having ``light hair," when it's actually gray. She writes about exercising for an hour, then working in the yard, which is what she does at the Los Angeles County Jail, where she's doing time for robbery.

This movie is not funny. And it doesn't get funnier when Peter goes to an all-black nightclub, dressed in baggy clothes with bling-bling draped around his pasty neck, and takes part in a break dancing contest. (This wasn't terribly amusing when Warren Beatty did a similar thing in ``Bulworth" back in 1998, either.)

The funniest joke is one you've probably already heard repeatedly, because it's featured prominently in the TV commercials. If you haven't, here it is: Peter's son asks him, ``Daddy, what's a rack?" while reading a dirty magazine. His response: ``It's a country."

Spring break offers time to catch up on last year's movies

by Jillian Jordan
A&E Editor

Today begins a week's worth of relaxation and rest that is best known as Spring Break. The classes, midterm exams, and other pre-break stresses are over. Most of us will be heading home to spend time with family, friends, and home-cooked meals.

Athletes will be headed out to luxury spots such as Florida and South Carolina, hopefully to soak up enough sun to make up for the pale reality of Pennsylvania. Wherever we're spending our next nine days outside of Westminster, we are all trying to accomplish one thing in common: nothing (other than maybe winning a game)!

The movies are a great place for us homebodies to head during the next week. We can escape both from life's problems and the harsh winter weather that we've been hit with lately. Steve Martin and Queen Latifah star in the ghetto-style Internet hook-up comedy, Bringing Down The House. Personally, Martin is a favorite of mine ever since Father of the Bride. I am looking forward to the conjoined performance of Martin and Queen Latifah, two talented comedians and actors. Another highlight to point out amongst this film's acting talents is that of Eugene Levy, the hilarious father in American Pie. On the Entertainment Weekly website, Queen Latifah told staff writers that Levy was able to quickly learn thuggish phrases to fit his convict-loving attitude, but had a little trouble understanding what those phrases actually meant! Make sure you check out this comedy during your Spring Break, yaaa mean?If you haven't been catching up with the most recent films, Daredevil came in first in last weekend's box office totals. Old School, How To Lose A Guy in Ten Days, Jungle Book 2, and Chicago followed to make up the weekend's most-seen films. Seen The Ring yet? On Tuesday, this horrifying film came out for sale and to rent. Face your fears, give some friends "a ring", and get together to watch this scream curdling movie.

Spring Break is just the beginning to a fantastic assortment of upcoming movies. Hey girls, Reese Witherspoon is returning for Legally Blone 2, coming out early July. The famous actor, Jim Carrey and Friend's star, Jennifer Aniston's comedic past performances give us enough faith to see Bruce Almighty, a story about a man who is given a second chance at establishing his faith from the powers of God, who is played by Morgan Freeman.

Terminator 3: Rise of The Machines will star Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nick Stahl and Claire Danes, a very unique cast. For those of you guys that were Terminator 1 and 2 fans, Arnold's third performace should send you back to the movie seats for an even more intense, thrilling action movie.

Spend your break kicking back and relaxing, and in the meantime, watch some flicks that you may have missed during the hectic happenings of the first half of the semester. You can also look forward to the above mentioned films of the summer.

John Mayer: college drop out, pop icon, unconventional rock star

by Nekesa Mumbi Moody
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) Pop is sometimes considered a dirty word by musicians who get uncomfortable with the idea of their art as a commodity marketed to the masses.

John Mayer has never been so conflicted.

``I don't want to be underground. I want to be popular. I want to make music that is popular. I want to reach as many people as I can," says the 25-year-old singer-songwriter.

``I really don't care if, in the annals of music history, I become the music for waiting rooms. Like, when it comes down to it, I don't care. I want to make music that appeals to as many people as possible."

So far, he's well on his way. His debut disc, ``Room for Squares," has sold more than 2 million copies since its release in 2001.

``He's the best new guitarist to emerge in years. That combined with the mellow soothing voice ... it really sets him apart from absolutely anything else that's been on the radio for the past few years," says Tom Poleman, program director at Z100, a pop radio station in New York City.

But it was precisely because Mayer sounded so different that he had difficulty getting a record contract from a major label. He still recalls the rejections he got as he shopped his songs to top labels while building a following performing at bars and clubs in Atlanta.

``I was so discouraged. It was so counterproductive that someone (at a label) could sit in front me and say ... 'The direction's just going into like, really heavy metal and boy bands, and it's the flavor of the day right now.' Who's got their finger on the button to change it?" he says.

While other aspiring artists might have tinkered with, or overhauled, their sound to make it more palatable to a mainstream audience, Mayer just put out his songs himself on a CD, convinced he was on the right track (he was eventually signed to Columbia Records).

``I've got a record full of terrible songs at home if I wanted to put one together. But when it was good, I knew it was good," he says during a recent interview at a downtown hotel.

His gift for music may be rivaled by his gift for gab: He's so articulate and affable that at one point, after delivering a particularly pithy answer, he notes, ``That was very quotable!"

Mayer had reason to feel confident about his music; as a teen in Connecticut, he was already gaining a reputation as a budding guitar virtuoso, just playing local gigs. By the time he graduated from high school, he thought he was primed to become a star.

He enrolled in the Berklee College of Music in Boston, where luminaries such as Quincy Jones studied. But although music was Mayer's first love, studying it was not. Soon, he was missing classes.

``You have to realize that that is rebellion for rebellion's sake, if you go to a music school and you skip music classes to play music," he laughs. ``That's just rebelling for the sport of it."

He ended up dropping out after one year, but not before learning an important lesson one night while watching guitarist after guitarist wail away during a performance.

``It became seriously obvious to me that it's one thing to be a great guitar player; it's another thing to be a great musician that can reach people's hearts," he says.

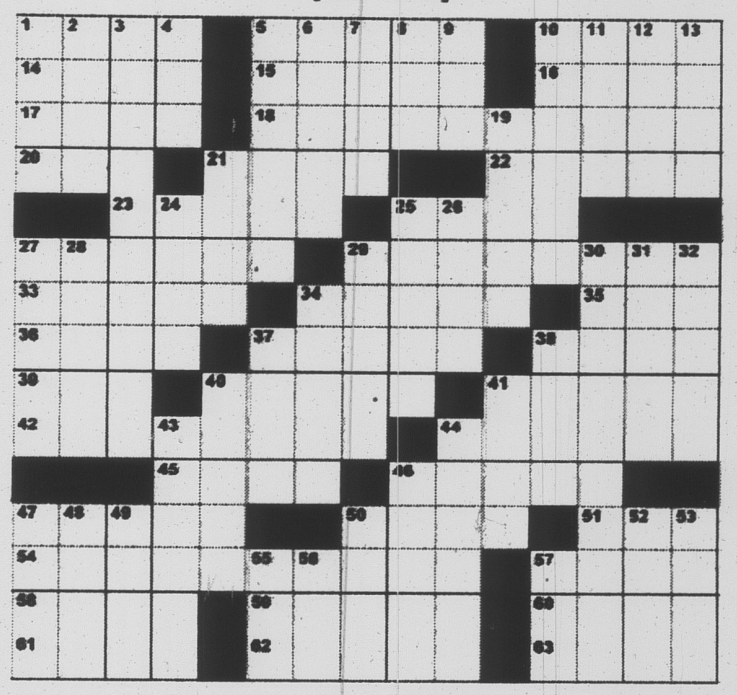
And it's the kind of connection Mayer loves.

``If I'm making music that people come to, I don't care who comes. I don't care if they're 15 years old, I don't care if they're embryos," he jokes. ``I'm not aiming it towards anybody, I'm aiming it towards everybody."

Crossword 101

Warm As Toast

By Ed Canty



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22 ____ salts
23 Woodwinds
25 15 Across, for one
27 Contemporary
29 Back and forth
33 Priscilla Mullins' beau
34 Python, for one
35 Implement
36 Garlands
37 Funeral march
38 Domingo's forte
39 Word before dancer
40 River deposits
41 Holy
42 Put together
44 Tenant
45 CEO's bad news
46 Lufthansa employee
47 Treadmill product
50 Try out
51 Plump
54 Sterno
57 Pleasant
58 Eager
59 Reunion attendant
60 Pennsylvania lake
61 Marge Schott's favorites
62 Madison Ave. workers
63 Unites

Down

1 Pinnacle
2 Culinary artist
3 Winter favorites
4 Barnyard resident
5 Movie theater panel
6 Pays attention
7 Tallies
8 Football fan's utterance
9 Free agent, e.g.
10 Bivouacked
11 Alack's relative
12 Salesman's car
13 Three Card Monte, e.g.
19 Like a bikini
21 Disunited
24 Social gatherings
25 Ice devices
26 Charge per unit
27 Mediterranean island
28 Spreads
29 Rich cake
30 Smokey's concern
31 Poker move
32 Be eloquent
34 Follows coffee or flour
37 A claim on candy:Slang
38 Too
40 Inflicted a heavy blow
41 Shot of liquor:Slang
43 Antelopes
44 Eavesdrop
46 Serenity
47 Blemish
48 Football fans maneuver
49 Oklahoma city
50 Swarm
52 Hallucinogenic drug
53 Pegs
55 Inherited characteristic
56 Swept under the rug
57 Fresh

Quotable Quote

The vice-presidency ain't worth a pitcher of warm spit.

John Nance Garner (VP 1933-1941

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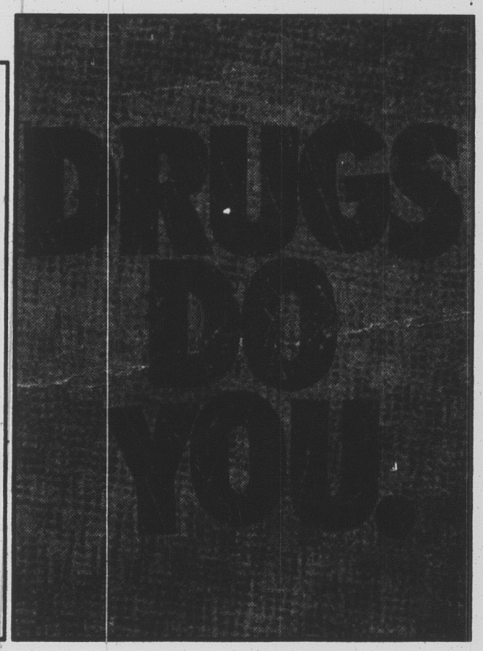


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
It's time to let well enough alone. Learn to recognize when you've done all you can, and move on. Hindsight is always 20-20, so learn from mistakes and decide to do better next time. If you exercise a little patience, your rewards will be evident.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Love is everywhere during the week. Either a current love is rekindled or you may be in for a new attraction. In any case, the rules have changed, and even if with an old flame, the relationship is completely new. Being around positive people will lift your spirits.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
If the attitudes of others seem to be holding you back, it's time to be a little more self-centered in order to get yourself back into the swing of what is good for you. A little separation from others can be a good thing. Opportunities will abound, look for them.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
You have a reason to be proud of your output and quality of work this week. Work will provide you with a welcome respite from other worries. If your attitude concerning a relationship does not seem to change, you may be looking at the situation from the wrong view. Don't try so hard.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
If you have been running yourself ragged, preventative measures may be needed to keep your health up to par. Money is likely to be tight for the near future, but don't let it stop you from making plans to get away on vacation. Your lover is an absolute joy to you.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
If you ponder over the "what if's", even more questions will arise. It's not worth putting yourself through such self criticism. What's done is done, and you can only resolve to do better next time. Your drive for perfection is unrealistic, for there is no such thing as perfection.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
If there is a change in plans this week, make the best of the situation. Something very promising may come of what seems to be a missed opportunity. Your love life is getting back on track, so take the opportunity to work out details, and go slowly with your mate.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Your hardwork is not always noticed or appreciated by others. Whatever you do must satisfy you first - relying on others will keep you feeling disappointed. Sweet memories may cause you to look back on the past with a sense of loss and some regret - the good old days.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
It just might come to blows with a loved one during this week. Give each other time to cool off before approaching the subject in a reasonable mood. Good news about money may lighten up your mood a bit. The way you use information presented to you pleases your superiors.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Your nature insists you follow the rules, but an acquaintance who is more of a free spirit, prefers spontaneity - learn from him. Don't fall into the trap of judging others, remember that you don't know what motivates and influences others to do what they do. Take a firm hand on money matters.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Your personal brand of creativity is crying out to be let loose, allow time for this expression to take place, and don't be too attached to producing immediate masterpieces. If a problem is backing you into a corner, focus your energies on diffusing it.

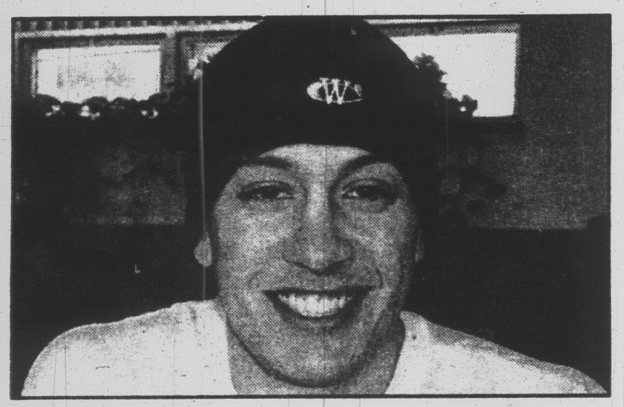
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Keeping your feelings under wrap will create the illusion of control. If you take the risk of expressing yourself to a loved one, no one will care if you break down. It's going to hurt falling down - but you are better off jumping in, instead of watching from a distance.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your creative energies express themselves in very tangible ways. You do not build castles in the sky, but tend to put down roots and build useful things which are meant to last. Your life work will always involve building and growing.

FEATURE

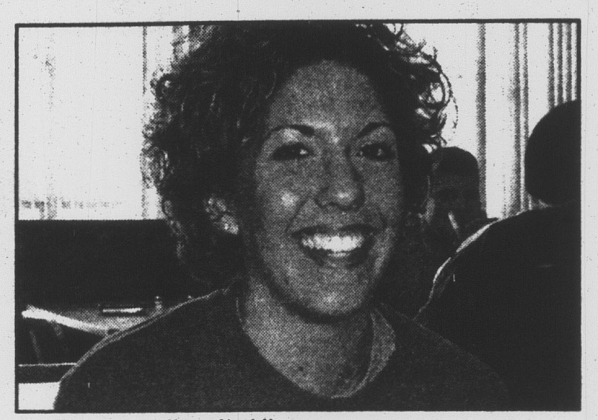
Question of the Week: Weather

So how about that weather, huh?



"I'm moving south as soon as I can get out of this place." **- Adam Pollick, sophomore**

"I think all classes should be canceled permanently." **- Tony Deane, junior**



"The groundhog lied." **- Lauren Thompson, sophomore**

"It sucks." - **Courtney Hoover, junior**

"I enjoy it because I enjoy the winter." - **Chris Cronin, junior**

"I hate it because of people like Chris Cronin." - **Richard Leigh, senior**

"If I have to clean my car off one more time, I am going to kill someone." - **Jen Shaheen, sophomore**

"I like making snow angels." - **Mike McKee, junior**

"I'm sick of the weather teasing us. Just get warm and stay warm." **- Rebecca Boozer, first year**

"Stop snowing. I can't wait for summer." - **Allie Altman, sophomore**

Contemplations on the cold weather

by Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

"Don't you hate that?"

"What?"

"Uncomfortable silences. Why do people feel it's necessary to yak about bull in order to be comfortable?"

"I don't know."

"That's when you know you found somebody special. When you can just shut up for a minute, and comfortably share silence." (Pulp Fiction, 1994)

When I first saw "Pulp Fiction" years ago, I remember having to rewind the Jack Rabbit Slim's restaurant scene over and over again just to hear those ingenious words that John Travolta and Uma Thurman share.

That 30-second fragment put together in perfect sequence what I have felt since I started thinking for myself, because personally, it really blows my hat off when uncomfortable silences are broken with the question, "So how about the weather?"

My friends used to bring up the topic on purpose just to get me going. They would wait for an adequate amount of noiseless action and lay it on me.

I exploded back at them with fake fury. "Don't talk to me about the weather," I would bark.

I just never wanted to hear about it. Talking about the weather made me feel like I was everyday humdrum or something, like there was nothing more imaginative to ponder and build on in a conversation.

Just think about it, and maybe you can hear my point.

It is such a predictable thing to be standing next to a stranger, both people looking around trying to avoid contact, so one of you breaks the moment by asking the infamous five-word query.

Stranger number one: "So how about this weather we have been having?"

Stranger number two: "Yeah, I know. It is really getting to me."

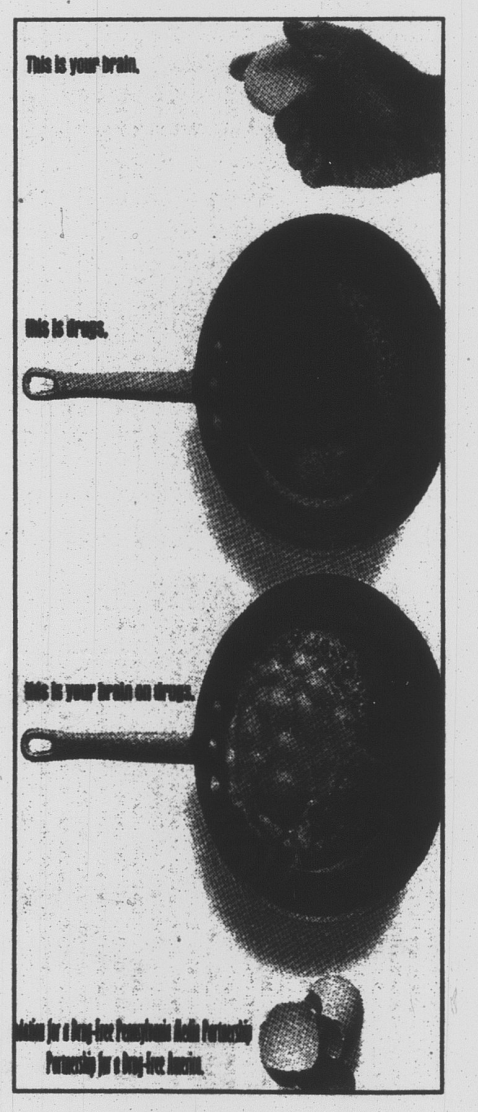
I mean, there really isn't anything else to say, right? You don't know the person, their interests, their passions, so you have to bring up the weather. What else would you talk to a stranger about?

So maybe the question is asked out of politeness or common courtesy, but there is just something about those words that make me wonder, isn't there anything better to talk to me about? Can't people just take the itching silence and deal with it? Why is it so hard to feel comfortable during silence, especially a stranger's silence?

I actually think I have a problem because I talk to too many strangers. I get personal fast. I like to let people into my life. What is the big deal? We all live. We all have issues, gossip and going bathroom number two stories. Why can't we talk about them? Why do we always have to go back to the weather?

Well, maybe I am getting old, and becoming a hypocrite, because you know what? I enjoy discussing the weather now. It is a powerful source. I think trudging through this ridiculous winter made me more acceptable to hear the silence breaker.

No matter where you are this spring break, I hope that the weather is a pleasant topic of conversation. I will send many positive thoughts for the snow to stop and the sunshine to stay and melt all the cloudy days away. Happy Spring Break everybody!



Physics students receive award to fund science program

by Bryan Hilbert
Staff Writer

This past week, a group of physics students received the Marsh White Award for 2003.

The Awards Committee of the Society of Physics Students selected students based on the strength of their proposal, "Every Day Physics: Exploring the Microwave Oven." Jess Smith, Tom Pizon, Chris Wilson and Chris Medjesky are the winning students. The advisor to the Westminster chapter of SPS, Dr. Craig Caylor, guided the students. The award carries a $300 prize to develop a program of science outreach.

The project consists of putting objects in the microwave that are not commonly microwaved. For this project, they used light bulbs, CDs and a sledgehammer. The students also placed ordinary foods in the microwave, such as marshmallows and grapes to illustrate surprising results. Because the award is based on the outreach program, the students have proposed to do outreach activities with area school groups. They also plan to have some hands-on activities for the students as well as demonstrations to go along with the overall presentation.

Since receiving the award, the local chapter plans to purchase a microwave oven, a web camera and other supplies to execute the display.

"All of these efforts have been spearheaded by Jess Smith, junior physics and math major," Caylor said.

The local chapter's bylaws contain the following statement of objectives:

"The purpose of this Chapter shall be the advancement and diffusion of knowledge of science of physics and the encouragement of student interest in physics throughout the academic and local communities."

CCO traveled to Pittsburgh for Jubilee conference

by Ashley Roberts
Staff Writer

Each year, the Coalition for Christian Outreach travels to downtown Pittsburgh and stays at the Hilton to attend Jubilee.

The theme of Jubilee this year was how to integrate your faith into your major. The Keynote speaker was Rev. Dr. Harold Trulear, pastor at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

Seminars are held during the weekend and each night, students meet in the ballroom to listen to praise and worship music.

"It's really powerful," sophomore Leslie Underwood said.

The seminars are designed for each different major, so students can see different ways to intertwine their faith into their majors and their futures.

Around 2000 students from a variety of colleges and universities attended Jubilee this year.

"It's hard to put the Jubilee experience in words-it was an amazing experience. It has definitely made a positive impact on my life," junior Jess Young said. "This was my first year going to the conference, and I already can't wait until next year."

Underwood enjoys the atmosphere at Jubilee. "Everyone is so friendly. Everyone's always smiling. It's like, the way the world's supposed to be," she said.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 7

Last Day to Change Incomplete Grades
11:40 a.m. Chapel
6:00 p.m. Residence Halls Close for Break

SATURDAY 8

MID-SEMESTER BREAK
7:30 a.m. PRAXIS (National Teacher Exams) - Patterson Hall
Baseball Team on Spring Break Trip (through 3/15)

SUNDAY 9

MID-SEMESTER BREAK
Baseball Team on Spring Break Trip
M Tennis @ Hilton Head, SC
Softball Team @ Rebel Spring Games, Kissimmee, FL

MONDAY 10

MID-SEMESTER BREAK
LLP Block IV Classes Begin This Week
Baseball Team on Spring Break Trip
Softball Team @ Rebel Spring Games, Kissimmee, FL
M Tennis @ Hilton Head, SC

TUESDAY 11

MID-SEMESTER BREAK
Baseball Team on Spring Break Trip
Softball Team @ Rebel Spring Games, Kissimmee, FL
M Tennis @ Hilton Head, SC

WEDNESDAY 12

MID-SEMESTER BREAK
All Day PMEA Adjudication Festival - Orr Auditorium & Beeghly Theater
Baseball Team on Spring Break Trip
Softball Team @ Rebel Spring Games, Kissimmee, FL
M Tennis @ Hilton Head, SC

THURSDAY 13

MID-SEMESTER BREAK
Baseball Team on Spring Break Trip
Softball Team @ Rebel Spring Games, Kissimmee, FL
11:00 am Support Staff Meeting - TC 314

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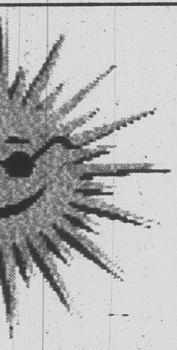

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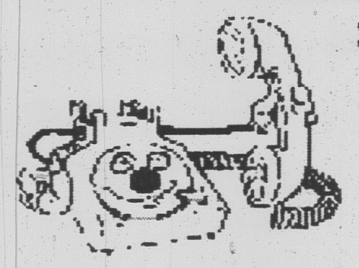

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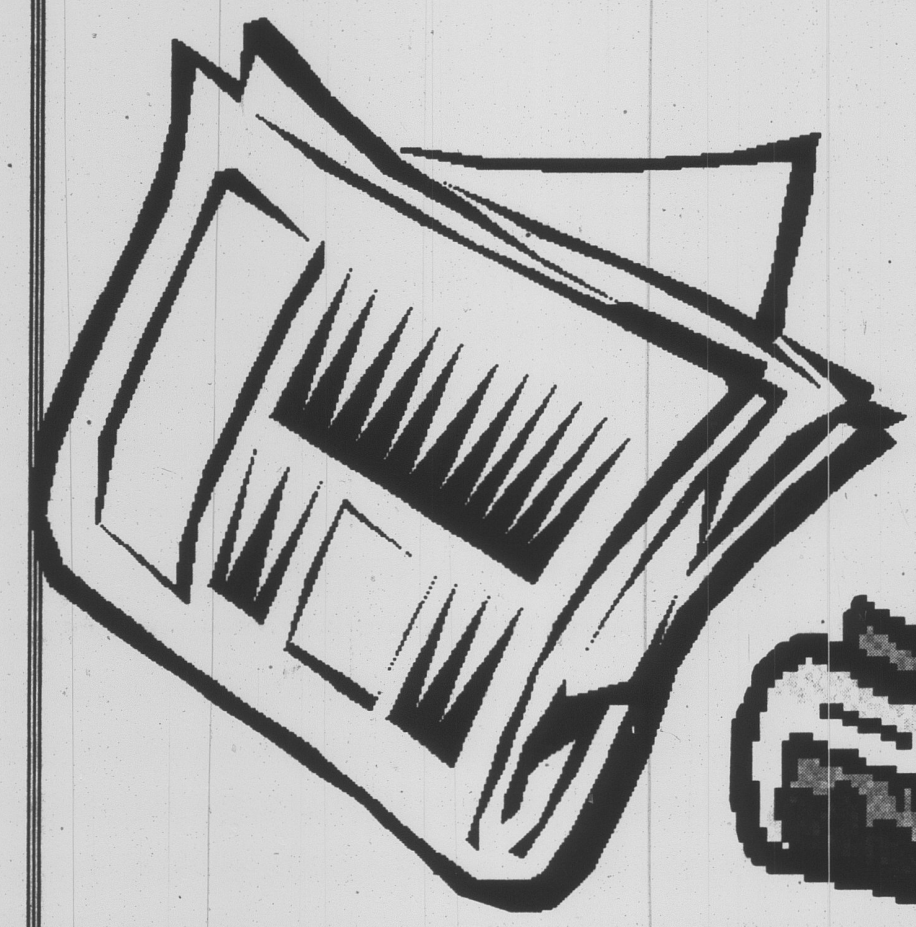

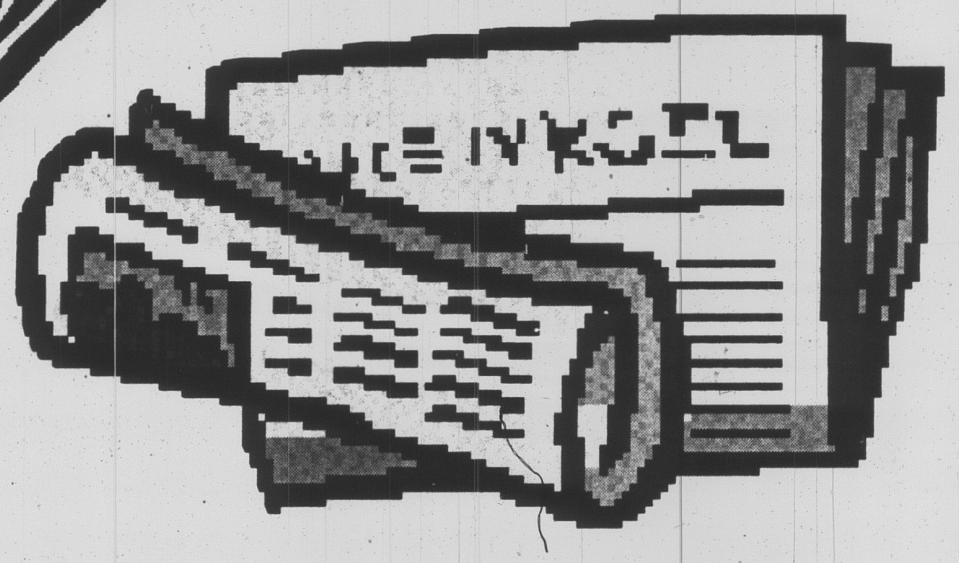

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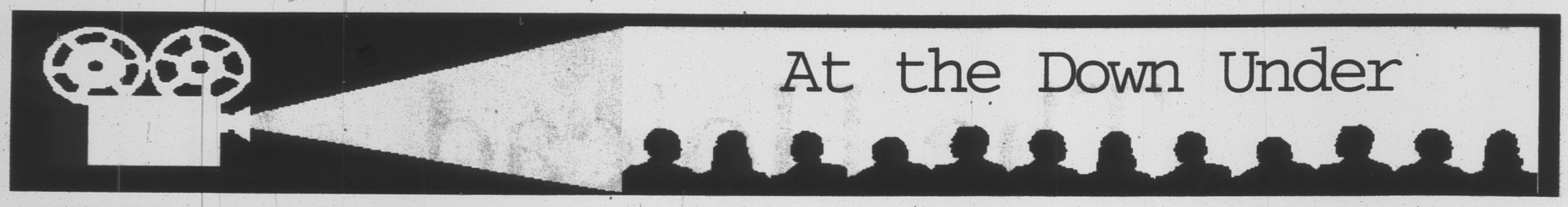

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Students produce sixth annual One Act Festival

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Actors take a break from rehersals for a group picture

by Tandi Lane
Staff Writer

Alpha Psi Omega will showcase the annual One-Act Festival on March 21-22 in the Down Under.

The one-acts consist of works created by an array of student directors, technicians, and performers. The directors include Alpha Psi Omega members: Alisa Locke, Kauleen Cloutier, Phil Webster, Bob Allen, Rich Marmura and Jason Cooper. Over thirty people helped put the festival together.

The Alpha Psi Omega members will be taking donations at the door to support their programs.

The members will also offer refreshments at the shows. The directors held one night of open auditions at the beginning of the semester in Beeghly.

Kauleen Cloutier, vice president of Alpha Psi Omega is directing the play "Drive-In." She said the two main story lines in the one-act involve the difficulties of new and old relationships. Like Cloutier, junior Alisa Locke is directing the comedy "The Tattoo Artist." In this one-act, a man is given an ultimatum when several different women with whom he has on-going relationships with confront him. Cloutier says that there is a good

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Dean Lechner has some solutions to ongoing parking problem

by Kimberly Klappert
Staff Writer

Students and faculty who are bringing a car to school next semester might be fighting over parking decals.

Lack of parking availability on campus has caused new proposals for next semester. One of these proposals might limit the number of parking decals issued. John Lechner, the assistant dean of student affairs and public safety director, said people might be given parking decals according to class rank on a first-come first-serve basis next semester. He believes that this might be the solution to the long-standing dilemma of parking on campus.

"It is a never-ending source of problems," Lechner said. "It has been here since I first got here. The big problem is trying to get people to understand that there is no reason to drive around this campus."

There are currently more vehicles than there are parking spaces on campus, as well as approximately 100 students who refuse to register their vehicles. Lechner said this causes parking problems for everyone, resulting in a need to expand and build new parking spots. However, creating new parking spaces is not easy task. There would be permit, environmental and excavation issues that would have to be dealt with.

"It is much more complicated then people think," Lechner said. "There has got to be a trade off, this whole thing is about compromise."

Lechner has worked on the parking problems and proposals for the last three months. He brought his ideas before the Dean of Student Affairs, the Campus Safety and Security Committee and the Student Government Association, hoping to get support from all groups. He anticipates that with the opening of the new student center, the command for parking will transfer to other areas of the campus, freeing more spaces around the residence halls.

Expanding existing areas of parking and possibly building new lots are ideas that are on the table for discussion. The target areas include Ferguson and Browne parking by Old 77 as well as Russell and Eichenauer.

Many people have "created" their own parking spots around Eichenauer and Russell residence halls, making it difficult and sometimes nearly impossible to maneuver in the lots. Lechner said that those students who refuse to register their vehicles believe that because they pay $24,000 in tuition a year, they should not have to pay for a parking decal.

Camille Hawthorne, the associate dean of student affairs, said that parking on campus is actually very convenient and should be considered a privilege. "This is a luxury," Hawthorne said. "No one really realizes this."

Sophomore Chris Hatch knows the frustration that comes with not being able find a spot to park. "I've frequently had problems with parking." Hatch said. "Especially in Russell parking lot."

Lechner estimates that 50 percent

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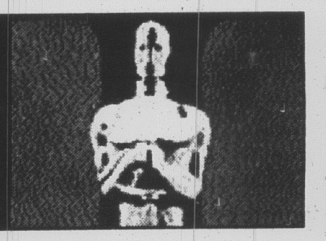

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CAMPUS NEWS

Young Republicans hope to increase political involvement

by Mike McKee
Staff Writer

The Young Republicans is an organization started by students to help others on campus become more involved with politics.

Sophomore students Jessica Rummel and Russ Mills founded the organization last semester. They wanted to start the Young Republicans to give students an opportunity to become more involved with what's going on in politics or at least give them a sense of what being a politic is like.

The organization has fourteen members and is growing. They meet on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in Patterson room 131. The first actual meeting was held January 27 and the Young Republicans became an official organization of the school only a few weeks later on February 18.

Jessica Rummel is President of the organization, Chris Cronin is Vice President, Kutile Warner is Secretary, and Russ Mills is Treasurer. Most members of the group are political science majors, but Rummel would like to get members outside the major more involved. She sends out campus wide e-mails about the meetings encouraging students to attend. Currently she is working on finding a speaker to come in and talk to the campus about politics.

Other topics of discussion during the meetings are about the voting drive, pro-war party ideas, and fundraisers to keep the organization running. The group works with local politicians from Lawrence and Mercer counties during the elections. Rummel is also working on setting up a debate with the Green Party, another student organization that discusses politics.

The Young Republicans discuss their views, but mostly from the Republicans' point of view. Rummel says there is another organization starting called the Young Democrats, but they have yet to be approved by the school. This should leave room for many more debates for the Young Republicans.

"The main reason for starting Young Republicans was to get others politically involved," she said. She's happy to see other organizations building from her idea.

"I love it, this is my life, I want to work for the President some day," Rummel said.

She encourages others to join the meetings on Thursdays in Patterson 131 even if they don't plan on becoming members.

Curriculum committee focuses on updating courses

by Sarah Washington
Staff Writer

The Curriculum Development Committee (CDC) focuses on leading faculty to decisions regarding the school's curriculum.

The committee is responsible for reviewing specific requests from faculty members. The vision of CDC is to recommend methods of instruction, course offerings, and to review faculty policies relating to academic programs and degrees. This includes but does not limit long-range curricular needs and direction.

"We have put out student and faculty questionnaires, looked at student evaluations of the courses, done studies of other schools like ours and looked at colleges we aspire to be more like," Curriculum Development Committee Chairman Dr. Russell Martin said.

CDC has been working for two years gathering information from students and faculty to improve the Westminster Plan.

The main obligation of the committee is to include faculty in curricular planning. CDC has held meetings to talk about the results of its research and to receive faculty comments.

CDC has support from another organization called the Curriculum Operations Committee (COC). COC reviews and makes recommendations for the academic calendar, daily schedule and new course proposals. Martin explained that CDC plans the curriculum and COC puts it into action.

Student involvement is also important.

"I think it's good to give student evaluations because it allows the students a say to what they want in the curriculum," junior David Benson said.

One student believed that the plan of action is not working.

"My sister hated Inquiry and her friends hated Inquiry. Why have something no one likes? The rest of the curriculum is fine. As for Inquiry goes, there's no viable reason," freshman Heather Evakich said.

In regards to her comment, Martin explained that the committee wants only to improve the plan, and not get rid of its structure.

"No one wants to completely gut the curriculum," he said.

CDC has nine members including vice president of academic affairs Dr. Jesse Mann, six faculty members and students Brian Zarecky and Russ Mills.

Martin commended the two student representatives for a job well done.

"We have two extremely active, thoughtful members on our team. They're really necessary," he said. "I appreciate them being on the committee."

Slate Atkins wins in student government elections

by Nikki Pencak
Staff Writer

On March 6, it was time to take down the giant, neon campaign signs which had so brightly graced the windows of Orr and Patterson during the past two months. The annual Student Government Association election was over, proclaiming Slate Atkins as the winner. The campaign began in late January with a few initial campaign signs and ended in early March with a debate in Orr Auditorium and signs plastered on just about every door and wall on campus. The election results were e-mailed to students on the evening of March 6.

The campaign involved two slates of students: Slate Atkins and Slate Huston. Slate Atkins consisted of Christy Atkins, Russ Mills, Jess Rummel, Amanda Moore, Erin Halpin, Greg Smith, Ian Brown, Ian Durham, and Kristen Kulick. The members of Slate Huston included Drew Huston, Elissa Curtis, Tom Oyer, Rich Marmura, Bob Allen, Tara Tomzcyk, Julie Lechner, Sarah Rebel, and Courtney Hoover.

Since January, the campus had been presented with opportunities to become better oriented with both of these slates. Both slates utilized websites, numerous campaign signs, and "meet the slate" opportunities, during which students could meet with slate members and ask questions about the campaign. The end of the campaign was marked by a debate on March 2 in Orr Auditorium.

When asked about his participation in the debate, junior Russ Mills commented, "I would say the biggest challenge was the debate, it is always hard to be in front of a group and debate the issues."

When asked about the greatest challenge she encountered during the campaign, new SGA president Christy Atkins replied, "Our biggest challenge was the length of the campaign. This year, the campaign was started very early. We had to continually put new signs up each week in order to introduce new ideas or members of our slate. We also had to create new campaigning strategies weekly in order to keep student interest for the duration of the campaign."

Sophomore Slate Atkins member, Ian Durham, offered his reaction to the election by saying, "I was personally really worried about the outcome of the elections because I knew Slate Huston had some really good ideas and also a lot of experience, but I was so glad that we won. I'm very much looking forward to serving the student body."

This weekend the SGA executives of the 2002-2003 school year will travel to Pittsburgh with the members of Slate Atkins. Here the students will participate in a training session which will mark the official beginning of Slate Atkins' time as the executive force in SGA.

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Your Student Government Association

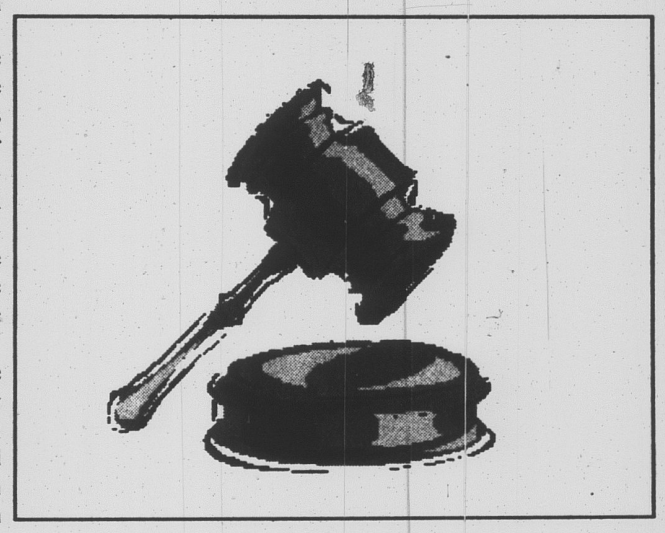
by Erika Hink
Contributing Writer

Here's what's going on this week with your SGA:

Congratulations to Slate Atkins! They will be sworn in at next week's meeting and will take over from there. Also, congratulations to the SGA Senator of the month - Rich Marmura, and the SGA Committee of the month, the Public Relations Committee!

Elections for the Senate will take place this Friday and Monday. Ballots will be emailed on Friday and you have until 7pm on Monday to vote. You can also vote by secret ballot outside the dining hall during lunch on Friday and Monday.

The Senate voted to nominate the following suggestions to the



IIRC for 2 rooms in the new campus center. The name suggestions are in pairs: Student Main Activities Center (SMAC), Fireside Lounge and The Annex, Westminster Corner and the Titan Lounge-Titan Corner, and Main Lounge and the Club Room-The MC.

For CPC: March 28 and 29 is Lil' Sibs Weekend, so sign up to bring your little brothers and sisters here for the weekend! Also on April 4, Comedian Jay Phillips will be in the Down Under.

As always, the weekly SGA meetings are open to the entire campus community. Please join us next Wednesday at 7pm in Patterson 311. Also, if you have any questions, concerns or comments for SGA you can email them to sga@westminster.edu.

PRSSA elects new executive board for 2003-2004

by Lauren Thompson
Staff Writer

Junior Melissa Logan has been elected to the position of President to the college chapter of Public Relations Student Society of America. With her newly elected position she will be attending the PRSSA 2003 National Assembly in Miami, Fl. on March 20-23.

Logan is a public relations major, a two-year member of PRSSA, and is thrilled about attending the convention. "It will be a valuable career experience. It will allow me to talk and interact with highly respected professionals of my field."

Logan will be the only officer from the chapter attending the convention. With the anticipation of traveling and attending the convention on her own she is both "excited and scared" for the experience.

Logan's agenda in Miami will consist of three days and three nights with a number of planned activities. Her first night will mainly consist of a welcoming reception. Throughout the second day "Round Table Discussions" will be taking place. These discussions will consist of leadership sessions, time management discussions and team building plans.

Logan's third day is devoted entirely to National Committee elections. Her final day in Miami will be a brief farewell meeting. With a late flight home on Sunday evening, she hopes to enjoy a little of the beach and gorgeous weather.

Logan plans to take full advantage of her newly acquired position by continuing to build on the vast improvements made every year within the chapter. Some of Logan's plans are promoting motivation and enthusiasm to members. Logan would like to involve regional conferences, assemblies and colloquies within the year. The colloquies include anyone a PR professional would encounter in his/her career, including anyone from the newspaper, broadcasting or human resources industry. She would also like to hold technology workshops, specifically on web design and desktop publishing.

"I believe this organization is the most important and helpful on campus to PR students and their future careers and I want them to take full advantage of it," Logan said.

Other newly elected officers include: Sarah Ialongo as Vice President, Cortney DiVito as Treasurer, Kim Nester as Secretary, Megan Sigler as Public Relations Chair, Chris Hatch as Communications Liason and Mary Huebert as Historian.

Logan and the rest of the officers will begin their terms in mid-April.

Starbucks to start slowly, raises question of other restaurants

by Kate Sweeney
Staff Writer

This fall, students will be drinking Starbucks coffee in the new student center. Due to a program with food provider Sodexho, Starbucks will be setting up machines in the new Titan Union Building to revitalize students' and faculty's caffeine-craving taste buds.

This franchise is coming to Westminster through the We-Proudly-Brew Program, which allows a section of Starbucks coffee to operate through the dining program. Students will be able to use their Titan cards at this new facility just as they do at the TUB.

Though the coffee is sure to be a success, the Starbucks will not be offering the full-range menu that students are used to seeing.

"It will be just coffee to start off with," said Jeff Creveling of Sodexho. "Later, we will be looking into the tea program. No cappuccino yet. But still, we will have a nationally recognized brand in the food court, which is a great idea."

Students are looking forward to the improvement. "The TUB always has the same flavors of coffee and cappuccino. It will be neat to have a change, especially something as good as Starbucks," said junior Rob Chandler.

With all the excitement surrounding the establishment of a well-known coffee shop, there is the possibility that students who enjoy other beverages besides coffee will be let down. "The coffee will be great, but not everyone drinks it. Students will be interested in the other types of beverages Starbucks makes as well," said sophomore Bob Allen.

With the top-of-the-line student center months from opening, the contract with Starbucks will not only add to the excitement, but also raise questions about additional fast-food chains making their way onto campus. Though Starbucks is a big move for a small campus, Creveling confirmed that there are no plans for other restaurants in the near future.

"Westminster just doesn't have the students to support them. But this will be a great start and we're looking forward to getting the food court open." Creveling said.

Alpha Sigma Phi sponsors annual Relay for Life

by Amanda Stano
Staff Writer

On April 12, the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity will be sponsoring the sixth annual Relay for Life.

The day full of events begins with the opening ceremony, during which President R. Thomas Williamson, Dr. Nancy Macky, the American Cancer Society's Mike Lysakowski, and President of Alpha Sigma Phi David DiDesiderio will speak.

After the ceremony, there will be a Survivor Walk/Victory Lap. Along with walking, food and a disc jockey will be there for entertainment. Luminaries line the track in honor of those who are currently battling cancer, those who have survived, and those who have died.

"If we raise over $30,000, we will be the student organization who raises the most money in Pennsylvania," said DiDesidero. "We are predicted to raise over $100,000 this year."

The event is not just offered to the college. The community, friends and family are also welcomed to join.

Sophomore Elizabeth King enjoys participating in Relay for Life for many reasons. "It is most definitely the fact that there are so many positive aspects to it. It may not only serve as a good cause, but also brings people together as well as encouraging physical well being," said King.

Team rosters can be turned into DiDesiderio box #648 or mailed to the American Cancer Society address on the roster. It costs ten dollars per person, and the money can be turned in as late as the relay. To receive luminary forms, contact DiDesiderio at 724-946-7991.

"Everyone knows someone who has been affected by cancer, so we encourage everyone to participate in order to raise money for cancer research and services to cancer patients," said DiDesiderio.

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of students have vehicles on campus. This is a statistic that is not going to shrink anytime soon because of the flat rate of enrolling first year students.

Another suggestion that was proposed was to restrict first-year students from receiving a permit to park their vehicles. This idea was cut because Lechner does not believe that first-year students are the source of the problem. He feels it is unfair to penalize new students and that he does not want them to be turned away and enroll elsewhere.

A few of the changes that students may see next semester are the formation of a student-led judicial group that will handle parking ticket issues. Lechner believes that a student peer group will be tougher on parking violations because the outcome directly affects them. Lechner also hopes to post all of the campus parking regulations on the college web site by this summer so students will have ample access to information if they have questions on the rules of parking.

Coffeehouse discussion focuses on military draft

by Lyndsay Smith
Staff Writer

On March 4, Dr. James Rhoads, professor of political science, led a Peace Studies Coffee House discussion about a possible reinstatement of the military draft.

The Ferguson lobby was rearranged into a large circle where students and professors gathered to hear what Dr. Rhoads had to say, and then discussed their thoughts on the issue. Dr. Andrea Grove, professor of political science, opened the scene by saying the intentions of the meeting were not to lecture, but rather to discuss.

"It was a discussion everyone our age should have taken the opportunity to attend, because it is a real wake-up call to what is happening, and something such as this draft would more than likely affect all of us personally," junior Ken Jae said.

Dr. Rhoads began by introducing the issue at hand. The first American draft bill was signed in 1940 in anticipation of World War II. The draft was instituted through a lottery by means of days of the year. Days of the year were written on small capsules then the president decided beforehand how many would be called.

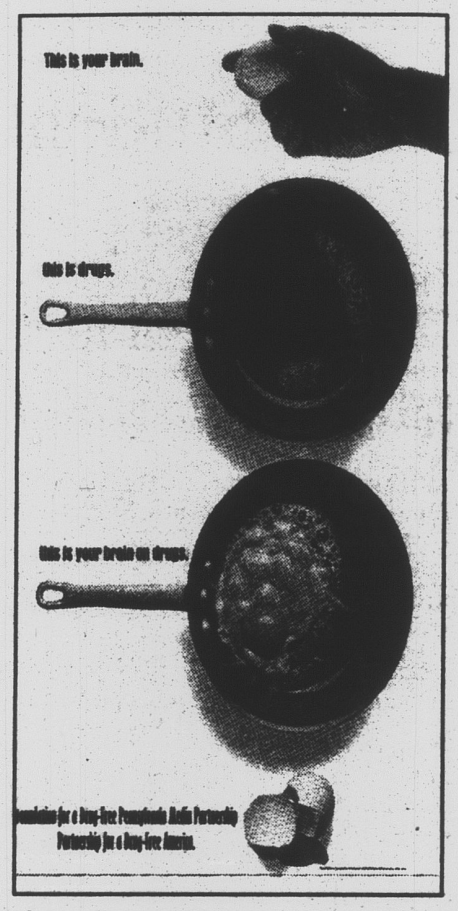
Anyone whose birthday fell on the date that was drawn was sent to war. Dr. Rhoads gave the group an idea of what that was like, as he held a list in his hand and went around the room asking students for their birth dates. Some were not called, and some were.

This activity sparked the discussion among the students and faculty that attended. If the amended draft bill does pass, everyone residing in the United States between the ages of 18 and 28 will have to do some form of service for our country, whether they are citizens or not. The draft will not only be used in times of war, but will be mandatory for everyone permanently, in some form of service to the government. The first people to be called will be sent to the infantry. However, once people are no longer needed on the field, they will be assigned to serve in an organization such as the Peace Corps.

In the new draft, there will not be as many possibilities for a deferment. Medical excuses will be stricter. Also, religious reasons will have to be severe. And, to clear up a misunderstanding that many people may have, if there is only one boy in a family who will carry on the family name, he cannot use that as a valid excuse not to fight.

"I am not advocating either situation," Dr. Rhoads said. "I'm simply presenting this information to you."

"I especially enjoyed this talk because a diverse range of opinions were represented there," sophomore Kara Gerhart said. "And, it was very intense when I came to the realization that any one of the people in that room could be on the front lines within a month."



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mix of dramatic and comedic pieces this year.

"This is a nice event for students to just kick back and relax while watching the show," Cloutier said.

The one-acts are completely run by students. The students do everything from directing, to acting, to the technical aspects of the show. Cloutier says that she is very excited about the show this year because this is an Alpha Psi Omega event that a lot of people show up to watch. She says that she is amazed at how hard her cast has worked.

"My cast is unbelievable because they give their all into every rehearsal, and they never complain," Cloutier said.

In order to become an Alpha Psi Omega member, one must participate in the various shows that are provided by the theatre program to receive points. When the person receives a certain amount of points, they can become a member of Alpha Psi Omega.

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Symphonic band incorporates a wide varitey of music and students

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Westminster Symphonic Band

by John Kish
Staff Writer

The Symphonic Band will perform on March 21 in Orr Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. to help defray the cost of a trip to China.

Admission to the show is free, but donations will be accepted. According to band director R. Tad Greig, the band will perform a wide variety of music. The performance will include pieces such as "Overture in F" by Meul, "Seventh Seal" and Bach's "Prelude and Fug."

"Any musical event people attend will have a wide variety of music they will get to experience," Greig said. "The music that will be preformed at the Symphonic Band concert spans some 250 years."

According to Greig, attendance for the concert has been high over the past three years, and the trend is expected to continue.

"It's a big band and we have a lot of good players," band member Chris Dearbeck said. "The music which we are playing is very exciting and very pleasing to listen to."

The symphonic band is a large concert band composed of approximately eighty students. The band opened enrollment to provide a musical experience not just for music majors.

"The band is made of any student who wants to be in it," music major Jamie Paoletta said. "The music we play is mostly standard band works. Most people have heard the music, but not at this level."

The symphonic band is just one of five instrumental ensembles offered, including the marching band, orchestra, wind ensemble and jazz ensemble. According to Greig, the symphonic band performs two to three times per year.

Students who are interested in band just have to be able to play a musical instrument. The schedules are made carefully so students who are not majors can participate in the band as well.

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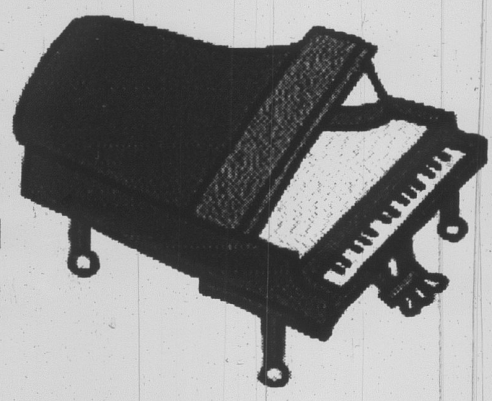

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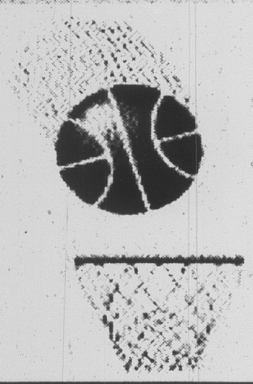

AROUND THE GLOBE

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Firefighters get caught in attempt to file false insurance claims

PITTSBURGH (AP) Four volunteer firefighters filed a false $500,000 insurance claim after one of them twice set fire to the department's social hall last year, federal authorities said.

Jerry Booker II, 20, Steven M. Dugan, 25, and William A. Robison, 22 - all officers with the Isabella Volunteer Fire Department in Fayette County - were arrested Tuesday. An arrest warrant was issued for a fourth suspect, Thomas Earl Baker, 33, whom authorities couldn't immediately locate.

U.S. Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan, said Booker, the department's vice president, set fire to the social hall June 26 and June 30. Booker and Baker, the department's assistant chief, were charged with conspiracy to set fire for the purposes of insurance fraud, authorities said.

The second fire was set because insurance company investigators wouldn't declare the building a total loss after the first fire, authorities said.

Dugan, the chief, and Robison, a department trustee, aren't accused of helping set the fires, but Buchanan said they helped Booker and Baker file the false insurance claim with Selective Insurance Co. of South Carolina. The claim was never paid, Buchanan said.

The men devised the scheme so they would have money to build a new social hall for the 15-man department, about 35 miles south of Pittsburgh, Buchanan said.

If convicted, Baker and Booker face a maximum sentence of up to 20 years in prison and $750,000 in fines, while Dugan and Robison face five years and $250,000 in fines.

Booker, Dugan and Robison were released on bond after their initial appearance before a federal magistrate Tuesday afternoon. All three declined comment as they left the hearing; they were scheduled to be arraigned Monday.

The Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was asked to investigate after a Pennsylvania State Police fire marshal determined the fires were set using a fuel, likely lighter fluid.

Brandt Schenken, resident agent-in-charge of the Pittsburgh ATF office, said information from this investigation is being used by the state police in an effort to solve more than 30 suspicious fires in and around the Isabella area.

Nobody has been charged in any of the other fires, but an affidavit filed when federal agents searched Booker's home in September refers to other fires allegedly set by Booker and other Isabella firefighters in the summer of 2002.

According to the affidavit, Booker concocted an alibi for the June 30 fire, which included digital photographs stored on his computer which were time-stamped for June 30 at 4:44 a.m. Authorities said an informant told them Booker planned to say the photos showed him and friends during an outing in some Pennsylvania state game lands, when, in fact, the photos were taken just outside the fire hall.

Ohio attempts to avoid proposed tax increases through license fees

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) House Republicans want to use hunting and fishing license fees and other special funds to avert Gov. Bob Taft's proposed tax hikes.

They have identified as much as $210 million that they believe could help balance Ohio's budget, The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer reported Tuesday.

Fees paid for hunting and fishing licenses normally flow into an account dedicated to wildlife preservation. Other funds support arts and environmental projects, educate Ohioans on proper seat belt use or on choosing a nursing home, push drug-free schools and maintain state vehicles.

Rep. Jim Hughes, a Columbus Republican who is leading the search for dollars, said he expects to find more money within a month.

"I'm almost on an Easter egg hunt," said Hughes, a member of the budget-writing House Finance Committee. "And I've been told by both Democrats and Republicans who know the budget that we're looking in the right area."

The accounts are called rotaries because money typically doesn't mix with the general revenue fund, which pays for most of the state's operations and has a deficit approaching $4 billion.

Lawmakers last month turned down Taft's proposals to increase current taxes on cigarettes, beer, wine and liquor. In the $49 billion proposed budget for the two years that begin in July, Taft also wants to broaden the state's 5 percent sales tax to include concerts, sporting events, dry cleaning and other services.

Ohio Budget Director Tom Johnson has warned that raiding special funds is not the ultimate solution.

Johnson told lawmakers in a March 9 memo that there are limitations on transferring money from those funds. He said many are restricted by the terms of federal grants or by constitutional limits.

Assistant Budget Director Tim Keen said the agency uses its best judgment on how much to keep in each account and would caution against violating the intended purpose of a fund.

However, House Speaker Larry Householder said Tuesday that it's the Legislature's job to look for money to fund budget priorities, and the special funds should not be off limits.

"There have been some agencies that have made statements about, 'Well this will offset the cuts we're going to have to be taking,'" Householder said. "I don't think those type of comments are helpful. ... I don't think there should be any funds set aside to make sure that the Legislature's wishes are not followed."

Using the money for unintended purposes could be considered a breach of the public trust, said Rick Yocum, president of the Ohio Public Expenditure Council, a nonprofit group that analyzes state spending policies.

He said rotary raids are explored every time Ohio faces a budget crunch, which is about every 10 years, and they never yield much.

"They'll find some scraps here and there. ... But I have never seen it end up with the types of windfalls that you hear

—Regional Briefs

Graffiti still a problem

PITTSBURGH (AP) A message calling for a convicted graffiti writer to be released from jail was scrawled on a pole across from the home of the city council president, who wants to crack down on graffiti writers.

The message "Free Mook" refers to Michael Monack, 20, who was charged with graffiti-related offenses March 3. He's in jail awaiting trial.

Monack gained notoriety by bedeviling cleaning crews and city officials for several years by painting "Mook" on out-of-the-way places. "Mook" was even etched into a window of the city's "Graffiti Busters" cleanup truck in October 2001 while the crew stopped at a convenience store for lunch.

Gene Ricciardi found the message Tuesday. "It's the first thing I see when I come out," he said.

Ricciardi had previously announced Tuesday as the day he would introduce legislation to prohibit minors from buying or possessing materials that could be used to make graffiti, including spray paint, indelible markers or etching materials.

The bill is scheduled for discussion March 26.

Bishop speaks out on war

CANTON, Ohio (AP) The bishop of the Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church has forbidden members of the church to participate in the coming war against Iraq, calling it a "mortal sin."

Bishop John Michael Botean issued a Lenten message to parishioners March 7, saying that the war doesn't meet the Christian criteria for a just war.

Botean wrote "... any direct participation in and support of this war against the people of Iraq is objectively grave evil, a matter of mortal sin."

The church, he said, would support "any of our members in the military or government service who may be confronted with situations of legal jeopardy due to their need to be conscientious objectors to this war."

The Romanian Byzantine Catholic diocese is headquartered at St. George Cathedral in Canton.

Romanian Catholics follow the practices of Eastern Orthodox churches instead of the Roman Catholic church, but are loyal to the pope.

Pope John Paul II and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have both spoken against war, but have not declared it to be a sin.

Mystery surrounds deaths

LANSDALE, Pa. (AP) The bodies of a woman and a 4-year-old girl were found in a suburban Philadelphia home Tuesday night, and a man was being questioned in their deaths, authorities said.

Both bodies were found inside a home in Towamencin Township, Montgomery County. The girl's body was wrapped in trash bags and the woman's body was found in a cedar chest in the bedroom, Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce L. Castor Jr. said.

It wasn't immediately clear how the two died.

Castor said authorities did not know for certain what the relationship was between the woman and the child, but that it's likely they were mother and daughter.

Authorities had a man in custody Tuesday night, but was not immediately charged, Castor said; Castor said that when police arrived at the house, the man said he had "done a terrible thing."

Authorities did not immediately release the names of the woman, the child or the suspect.

Individual rights at risk

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, Ohio (AP) The government has room to scale back individual rights during wartime without violating the Constitution, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia said Tuesday.

"The Constitution just sets minimums," Scalia said after a speech at John Carroll University in suburban Cleveland. "Most of the rights that you enjoy go way beyond what the Constitution requires."

Scalia, one of the court's most conservative judges, was responding to a question about the Justice Department's pursuit of terrorism suspects and whether their rights are being violated.

Scalia did not discuss what rights he believed are constitutionally protected, but said that in wartime, one can expect "the protections will be ratcheted right down to the constitutional minimum. I won't let it go beyond the constitutional minimum."

Scalia was interrupted once briefly by a protester who shouted an anti-war statement. The protester was taken from the room by security officers but was not arrested.

Scalia stopped speaking during the scuffle, then joked that the protest probably was more interesting than his topic, which was the constitutional protection of religions.

NATIONAL

Schools use weather patterns to monitor potential chemical weapon threats from terrorist groups

WILLOW SPRINGS, N.C. (AP) Just down the street from Saint Joseph Full Gospel Baptist Church and across from a fallow tobacco field, an outpost in the war on terrorism is anchored in an unlikely perch.

The thin, white mast supports a video camera and gauges that measure rainfall, temperature and humidity. It rises from the roof of Willow Springs Elementary School, visible to anyone who walks into the school.

Many of the school's 650 students most likely see it as little more than a way for this small, unincorporated community to occasionally have its name pop up along with a temperature on one of the local weather forecasts.

Principal Charles Langley, though, knows it could one day provide the government precise, invaluable weather information that could save thousands in the line of a terrorist attack.

Willow Springs is one of 6,000 sites in the country, mostly schools in or near urban areas, that operate stations under a deal with AWS Convergence Technologies Inc., a private company based in Gaithersburg, Md.

Back in August, company officials promised to share - without cost - the data from its stations with the government in the event of a terrorist attack, giving the nation a powerful tool that would cost an estimated $50 million to replicate.

The $7,000 weather station at Willow Springs is one of 12 in the country and the first in North Carolina to be certified under the partnership. Iowa has five certified stations, the most of any state. Texas has one.

Hundreds more are being evaluated to see if they meet the same standards imposed upon the National Weather Service's 1,000 automated stations.

"Even if you wanted to build a system like this it would take years and years," said John Saaty, senior vice president of AWS. "We realized we had something that would be of value to the government."

AWS will spend tens of thousands of dollars to get the stations certified. So far, the company has mailed 2,000 20-page kits with surveys, directions for tuning the equipment and cameras that allow the operators to snap and return photos verifying the position of the stations.

When the system is fully certified, the National Weather Service will be better able to map and forecast air movement over local areas so military and emergency managers can choose evacuation routes and priorities.

The Weather Service needed exactly that kind of information following the Sept. 11, 2001, attack at the World Trade Center, when they spent days setting up a network of weather stations around the site to collect wind data and predict the spread of smoke and dust.

High risk remains of Hussein using chemical weapons during the war

WASHINGTON (AP) Intelligence reports indicate a high risk that Iraq would use chemical weapons during a U.S.-led war to topple President Saddam Hussein, Pentagon officials said Tuesday.

The reports indicate Saddam has given field-level commanders the authority to use chemical weapons on their own initiative, without further directives from Baghdad, Pentagon officials said.

"We continue to receive reports supporting the assertion that there is a high risk the Iraqi regime would use chemical weapons at some point during any conflict," Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Tuesday. It was the first explicit statement from the Defense Department discussing the chemical weapons risk.

Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix said he does not believe Saddam's government will use chemical or biological weapons even as a last resort because it would turn world opinion in favor of the United States.

President George W. Bush and other U.S. officials say Iraq has stocks of chemical weapons, including the deadly nerve agents sarin, cyclosarin and VX and a mustard agent like that used in World War I. Saddam has repeatedly denied having chemical or biological weapons, the use of which has been outlawed for decades, although Iraq has acknowledged developing both before the 1991 Persian Gulf War and used them several times in the 1980s.

U.S. officials say they believe Iraq's chemical weapons are under the control of the Republican Guard, Saddam's best trained and most loyal troops. A large part of those forces is concentrated in and around Baghdad, where U.S. officials worry that fighting involving chemical weapons could kill many Iraqi civilians.

Pentagon officials who discussed the chemical weapons issue on condition of anonymity said it was unclear what rank of Iraqi officers had been authorized to order the use of chemical weapons. Officials said it was doubtful the chemical authority went as low as company-level commanders, who are usually at captain's rank.

Coalition troops awaiting invasion orders have chemical protection gear and equipment that can detect clouds of chemical agents up to three miles away. American tanks and armored vehicles have filters designed to keep the troops inside safe from the deadly agents. Anticipating the possibility of chemical combat, U.S. troops have trained extensively on operating in a contaminated environment.

All of Iraq's chemical agents except sarin can linger in an area for hours or days. VX, the deadliest chemical weapon known, is a sticky liquid that is particularly long lasting and difficult to decontaminate.

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Usual St. Patrick's arrests

BUTTE (AP) The long St. Patrick's Day weekend resulted in dozens of arrests and citations, many of them for drunken driving, but no major incidents were reported from Friday night through Tuesday morning.

"We had about the same number of calls we usually get, despite smaller crowds during the day," Butte-Silver Bow Sheriff John Walsh said.

His officers answered about 130 calls, "mostly for minor stuff, assaults, thefts, urinating in public - generally related to alcohol," Walsh said.

Montana Highway Patrol Capt. Janet Baker said she was grateful the patrol's four-officer Crash Prevention Unit came to Butte to help.

"It was very effective," she said. "I think it's unfortunate people didn't follow our designated driver plan, though. We helped in Uptown with fights and crowds, but we concentrated on drivers."

From Friday through Tuesday morning, Butte-Silver Bow officers made 54 arrests, five for suspected drunken driving, and answered 130 calls for assistance, records show.

The patrol issued 150 citations, including 23 for DUI; made six arrests for drug crimes; stopped 254 vehicles, and issued 385 warnings.

Store employee beats robber

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) A man who allegedly robbed an Albuquerque bookstore at gunpoint was in critical condition Tuesday night after a store employee beat him with a baseball bat, police said.

Albuquerque police Detective Jeff Arbogast said the robbery happened at 3 p.m. Tuesday when Dwight Xavier Duran, 31, allegedly walked into the bookstore and demanded cash.

Bookstore employees chased Duran when he left the store with an undisclosed amount of money, Arbogast said.

Employee Nathan Heath, 24, was shot in the chest as he exited the back door of the bookstore. Meanwhile, another employee picked up a baseball bat and caught up with Duran, Arbogast said.

"During the course of this, they struck (Duran) with a baseball bat," said Arbogast.

Duran and a woman were arrested in connection with the robbery, he said.

The wounded store employee and Duran were both hospitalized. Heath was in good condition Tuesday, Arbogast said.

Man arrested for conduct

HONOLULU (AP) A Sri Lankan man was charged for assaulting a flight attendant during a Philippines Airlines flight on Saturday from Los Angeles.

Porastus Chanda Sri Dissanayake, 26, was charged in U.S. District Court on Monday with assaulting a member of the flight crew and interfering with the flight duties.

It was 45 minutes into the flight when Dissanayake started acting disorderly, including allegedly throwing foam headsets at a flight attendant and cursing, authorities said.

When a flight attendant warned him to calm down, he responded by saying, "Be careful, I'm a rebel in my country," according to a court affidavit.

About 15 minutes later, Dissanayake walked to the front galley and demanded headphones. After being told to sit down and warned he was committing a federal offense, he allegedly punched a flight attendant in the back, jaw and eye, according to court documents.

Passengers wrested Dissanayake to the floor and he was taken into custody in Honolulu.

"Jackass" imitators arrested

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) Three teenagers apparently inspired by the television show "Jackass" have been arrested on animal cruelty and other charges, police said.

Authorities said they confiscated videotape of one or more of the teens setting themselves and a frog on fire, swallowing and regurgitating a fish and vandalizing city property.

A police official said it appeared the teens were inspired by "Jackass," the now-defunct MTV show of crude stunts and gross-out antics that spawned last year's "Jackass: The Movie."

Christopher Donald Kelly, 19, and two 17-year-olds were charged Friday with criminal mischief, possession of a fire bomb and underage possession of alcohol.

Kelly also was charged with threatening a public servant after making racial slurs while sitting in a police car, authorities said.

Police records did not indicate whether the suspects have lawyers. The public defender's office does not comment on pending cases.

Lawsuit over war dropped

BOSTON (AP) A federal appeals court refused to reconsider its decision to dismiss a lawsuit challenging President George W. Bush's authority to launch a war against Iraq.

The lawsuit was filed last month by three unnamed U.S. servicemen, parents of servicemen and six Democratic congressmen. They claim that Bush needs a formal declaration of war from Congress before attacking Iraq.

Although Congress authorized the use of force with Iraq in an October resolution, the lawsuit claims it has not specifically declared war as required by the Constitution.

Last week, the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said it had no business intervening without clear conflict between the legislative and executive branches.

John Bonifaz, lead attorney for the plaintiffs, asked the appeals court Monday to reconsider its ruling in light of Bush's ultimatum to President Saddam Hussein to leave Iraq within 48 hours or face a U.S.-led war.

The court's one-paragraph ruling on Tuesday says the case still was not ripe for judicial review.

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INTERNATIONAL

Decaying relations with Cuba have led to reprocussions against American diplomats

HAVANA (AP) Already frayed Cuba-U.S. relations unraveled further as the communist government announced the detentions of several dozen opponents and confirmed that U.S. diplomats may no longer move freely around the island.

An official statement read on state television's evening news Tuesday accused the chief of Washington's diplomatic mission in Havana, James Cason, of trying "to foment the internal counterrevolution."

"No nation, no matter how powerful, has the right to organize, finance and serve as a center for subverting the constitutional order," the statement said.

Offices at the U.S. Interests Section were closed late Tuesday and attempts to reach American diplomats here for comment were unsuccessful.

In Washington, a State Department official said that American authorities had not yet had time to study Havana's announcement. State Department officials last week had reported the travel restrictions on its diplomats in Havana, but the Cuban government did not confirm the new measures until Tuesday.

The Cuban statement did not describe the restrictions, but U.S. officials have said that American diplomats here must now get prior approval to travel outside the 434-mile area that includes Havana and surrounding Havana Province - less than 5 percent of the largest island in the Caribbean.

Previously, U.S. diplomats had to notify Cuban officials when they traveled outside the Havana region, but no advance approval was necessary.

American government sources said they believe Cuba wants to cut back on the extensive travels here by Cason, who has logged more than 6,200 miles since arriving here in the fall.

Washington last week imposed similar travel restrictions on Cuban diplomats in the United States, saying it was responding to Havana's move.

Veteran human rights activist Elizardo Sanchez said by telephone late Tuesday that he had confirmed the detentions of at least 10 dissidents and was working to confirm reports of another 20 or so picked up by state security agents. No other information about the detentions was immediately available.

Havana's actions are just the latest in an increasingly ugly exchanges between the two governments, which have had no regular diplomatic relations for more than four decades.

The U.S. Interests Section here opened on Sept. 1, 1977 during the Carter administration to provide a minimum of communications between Washington and Havana. A similar Cuban Interests Section operates in Washington.

Havana in recent weeks has become increasingly incensed with Cason, who last month made a high-profile visit to a meeting of dissidents and spoke with international journalists gathered there. Cuban authorities have accused him of undiplomatic behavior.

French protest US actions in the Middle-East by harrassing American tourists and residents

PARIS (AP) These aren't easy times to be an American in Paris.

U.S. President George W. Bush is widely considered incompetent, protesters call America's leaders killers and criminals, and nearly everyone fears Washington is leading the world into an unneeded war.

That's why Sarah Starkey, an American investor relations specialist at a French company in Paris, keeps her opinions - whatever they might be - to herself.

"I think it's sort of a taboo subject" Starkey, 39, of Ventura, California, said after recent Sunday services at the American Cathedral in Paris. "In this atmosphere, to express a political view would not be good for my career."

U.S.-French relations are at one of their lowest points since the end of World War II.

The high-profile French role in drumming up international opposition to U.S.-led war plans has provoked a strongly emotional backlash in the United States, where many are boycotting French products and some are renaming french fries "liberty fries" or "freedom fries."

Emotions are high in France as well. Criticism of U.S. policy on Iraq is a daily staple of the French media, and opinion polls show strong opposition to a war without support from the United Nations.

Starkey's self-censorship aside, however, Americans here say that French revilement of their government has yet to translate into personal animosity against U.S. citizens.

"I haven't felt anything at all," said Phyllis Nordstrom, 49, a philosophy teacher from Santa Barbara, California. "They seem to be able to separate the American people from the American government."

Nordstrom, who has lived in France for about three years, said she has conflicted feelings about military action against Iraq, partially sympathizing with both pro- and anti-war arguments.

In general, she said French friends and acquaintances were curious about her stand on a war and did not criticize her for harboring some pro-war sentiment.

"They allow me my opinion and they realize it's not black and white," she said.

Tourists, particularly those who come on organized tours or stay at upscale hotels, say by and large they are insulated from the debate and have not run into any hostility.

"I know the French are upset with us as much as we are with them" said Rudy Donner, 56, of Gainesville, Georgia, during a visit to the Eiffel Tower.

Despite that, Donner - who openly supports the Bush position - said he was struck by how friendly the French have been toward him.

"The people have just been terrific," he said.

One group of Americans who feel very free to express their politics are those against the war. At an anti-war march earlier this month, a clutch of Americans banded together to show that not all U.S. citizens support the Bush administration.

With demonstrators shouting anti-U.S. slogans and a huge Stars and Stripes with a swastika written on it in the background, Americans at the march said their views

International Briefs

Rebels cause trouble in India

PATNA, India (AP) Suspected communist rebels shot and wounded three police officers and stole 15 rifles and ammunition in an attack on a security post in eastern India's Bihar state Wednesday, officers said.

Local police chief Ravindra Sankaran blamed the People's War Group for the attack in a village, 125 kilometers (80 miles) northeast of the state capital, Patna.

The rebels, also active in five neighboring states, draw inspiration from Chinese revolutionary Mao Zedong and demand sweeping land reforms. More than 6,000 people have been killed since they began fighting two decades ago.

Wednesday's attack came a day before police in Bihar and neighboring Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh states said they would launch a joint operation against the rebels.

On Wednesday, suspected guerrillas also tried to ambush the car of Gaya's top district administrator. The attackers fled after his police escort opened fire. One officer was wounded, Sankaran said.

Prime minister forced out

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) Prime Minister John Howard was forced to leave his official residence on foot Wednesday by anti-war protesters who barricaded the entrances, blocking his motorcade from driving out of the gates.

Greenpeace demonstrators dressed as United Nations staff chained themselves to the gates and underneath jeeps, blocking all the entrances to Howard's mansion in the capital of Canberra.

The protest came the day after Howard said 2,000 Australian troops would join President Bush's coalition to invade Iraq if Saddam Hussein refuses to leave the country.

Greenpeace chief executive Peter Mullins confronted Howard, telling him "his decision to go war in Iraq was his decision alone and was certainly not the Australian population's."

Mullins said Howard replied: "I respect your views but I'd like you to respect mine."

Four of the 13 protesters were slapped with breach of peace orders - meaning they had to formally promise not to return to the premises, police said.

A recent poll showed 71 percent of Australian voters oppose military action without a United Nations mandate.

Mystery illness claims lives

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) A French doctor died Wednesday in what doctors said was the second person to die in Hanoi of a deadly mystery flu-like illness that has caused a rash of deaths and sparked concern worldwide.

The doctor at the Hanoi French Hospital had treated an American businessman who was diagnosed with the illness and later died after being evacuated to Hong Kong, hospital general director Yves Nicolai said.

A nurse at the same hospital, who also treated the American, died on Saturday.

The World Health Organization said the disease has infected 219 people globally, and has confirmed nine deaths in Hong Kong, China, Canada and Vietnam. Hong Kong officials have attributed one additional death to the disease, and the victim Wednesday in Vietnam would bring the toll to 11.

Nicolai said the French doctor who died Wednesday was part of a team of rotating physicians who work at the hospital one to two months a year.

Three others who had close contact with the American, or others initially infected, remain in critical condition. But up to seven others also infected have shown dramatic improvement and may be discharged soon, Nicolai said.

Anti-terrorism make arrests

LONDON (AP) Anti-terrorism police arrested three men Tuesday after finding two homemade bombs at an apartment outside London, police said.

The men, described as Europeans, were detained under the Terrorism Act 2000 in Crawley, less than 5 miles from London's Gatwick Airport.

"During a routine inquiry two fireball improvised explosive devices were found. They are effectively homemade bombs," said Inspector Geoff Sharnock.

Police said the men, who have not been charged, had not been linked to any specific organization. Officers said they were unaware of any motive or target.

No further details were immediately available.

Prime Minister Tony Blair's government has issued repeated warnings that Britain may face a terrorist attack.

Man charged for kidnapping

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) A Ukrainian man was sentenced to seven years in prison Tuesday for holding two hostages during a standoff at Stockholm's main train station.

Yuriy Katsin, 37, admitted to trying to steal $105,000 from a currency exchange office inside the station on Dec. 28, but said he didn't mean to take a pair of employees hostage, news agency TT reported.

Carrying a fake gun and fake explosives strapped to a belt around his waste, Katsin held the two women inside the office for 10 hours before surrendering peacefully to police.

Katsin, who was convicted aggravated robbery and kidnapping, told the Stockholm district court he needed the money to pay a debt to organized crime figures in Ukraine, TT reported.

No one was injured in the standoff.

SPORTS

Titans return from Fl. with lofty goals

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

Entering the season with high expectations and lofty goals, the men's baseball team took a huge first step to realizing those goals as they returned from Florida sporting a 5-2 record.

The Titans began the trip by defeating Northwood (Mich.) University by a count of 10-2. Wentworth (Mass.) Institute of Technology fell to the Titans by a score of 5-1. The Titans then lost to Scranton, but rebounded to defeat Northwestern (Minn.) College, 5-0. On Tuesday, March 11, the Titans split their double-header, defeating Webster (Mo.) University, 2-1, before losing to Curry University by a count of 5-3. The Titan diamond men concluded their trip by beating Norwich (Vt.) University, 3-1.

"We did some good things in Florida, as well as some bad things," junior pitcher Craig Rechichar said. "Ideally, we could've left there with seven wins, but we also could've left there with a record of like 3-4 or 4-3. We're happy with what we did."

The Titans won five games by utilizing a combination of quality pitching and several good performances at the plate.

Last year's pitching ace, junior Pat Boyle picked up where he left off, pacing the Titans with two victories. Boyle threw 11 innings, yielding a lone earned run for an early season ERA of 0.82.

Senior Matt Pournaras, junior Craig Rechichar and freshman Brenton Gilmore also picked up victories for the Titans. Collectively, the three pitchers allowed a lone earned run in nearly 20 innings of work. For the trip, the Titan pitching staff boasted a team ERA of 1.12.

"As a [pitching] staff, we're really pleased with what we accomplished," sophomore closer Bryan Hilbert said. Hilbert tallied a save for the Titans in 4.1 innings of relief work.

While the pitching staff mowed through the Titan opposition, the Titan batters also contributed to the five victories. Most notably, junior infielders Justin Joseph and Brian Goettler held a hot bat, while senior shortstop B.G. Davison and sophomore outfielder Matt Connolly hit well.

Joseph led the team in average for the week, batting .538 with seven hits. Goettler led the team in hits, compiling 10 hits in 21 at-bats for an average of .475. Davison added eight hits in 21 at-bats for an average of .381. He also led the team with stolen bases, swiping four bases in four attempts. Connolly hit safely in three of his nine at-bats for an early season average of .333.

"We're just going out there with a mindset to win," Connolly said. "We understand that winning is a team concept, and I think everyone realizes that."

The Titans begin their run for a President's Athletic Conference championship on Monday, March 24 with a home doubleheader against Thiel. The

March madness heats up

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

The brackets are out and the games are ready to be played. It's everyone's favorite time of year: March Madness. There has been a lot of controversy about this year's bracket. Some college basketball experts are calling it the selection committee's worst performance in years. Nevertheless, I am here to breakdown every region for you and give you insight on some possible sleepers that could be in New Orleans come April. Let's begin with the South.

South

The South is arguably the weakest bracket in the field. Texas is lucky to be a #1 seed and Florida is a shaky two seed. Texas got a huge favor from the committee: they were placed in the easiest bracket, with seemingly no one to challenge them until the Final Four. However, don't be surprised if Texas doesn't even make it to the 2nd weekend! LSU is playing very good basketball right now. We saw what they did earlier in the season (Arizona) and they are certainly capable of another upset. I like the way UCONN is playing right now. If LSU can upset Texas then I think Connecticut has a great shot at going to New Orleans. Don't think that Stanford has an automatic win over San Diego either. The West Coast Conference champions beat Gonzaga twice and UCLA in Westwood earlier this year. I could see San Diego upsetting Stanford, but I don't think they'll get by Connecticut. In the bottom half of the bracket I like Maryland over Xavier in the 2nd round match up. Maryland has 5 seniors back from last year's National Championship team. Don't be surprised if we have the # 5 and 6 seed's in the Elite 8: it could very well happen. I like Michigan State over Colorado for a number of reasons. First, Michigan State is a younger team that played a top-5 schedule and still managed a #7 seed in the tournament. Colorado was in the brutal Big XII, but they couldn't win on the road. They had some really nice upsets, but they were all at home. Look for Michigan State to win and give Florida a really good game. However, I think the Gators will prevail against MSU and Maryland with their three seniors leaders. That will set up a Connecticut, Florida Regional showdown.

The Pick: Florida
Sleepers: Maryland, LSU

East

There aren't many dominant teams in this Bracket, but top-to-bottom it's pretty solid. North Carolina State had a great run to get to the ACC Tournament Final and should have won against Duke. That confidence will lead them to victory over Cal, but don't expect them to get much further than that. Oklahoma is a little banged up but that shouldn't affect them until the Sweet 16, and by that time, Hollis Price & Co. should be healthy. The committee did a great job by putting Butler into the tournament this year, but did them no favors in the seeding process. Butler is matched up with a Mississippi State team that is good enough to be a #2 or 3 seed. Mississippi State will knock off Butler and upset Louisville in the 2nd Round. I like MSU's chances against Oklahoma. This game could go either way, but I'll take Oklahoma because of last year's final four run. In the bottom half of the bracket, Syracuse is setup perfectly. If I was Syracuse fan, the only game I would be worried about is the opening round game against a tough Manhattan team. Remember, Manhattan beat Seton Hall and St. John's earlier this year and the Jaspers are capable of pulling the big upset. However, I think Syracuse will win and then they will beat up on Ivy League Champion Penn. Wake Forest is definitely the weakest #2 seed in the field and that's why I don't think they'll be in the Sweet 16 this year. With St. Joseph's best player out for the tournament, look for Auburn (a team that no one thought should even be in the tournament) to be in Albany, NY for the round of sixteen. With the Regionals being played only an hour from home, Syracuse will win easily over Auburn and then face Oklahoma in the Elite 8.

The Pick: Syracuse
Sleepers: Mississippi State

Midwest

Kentucky has the easiest road to New Orleans so don't expect the Wildcats to be tested until the Elite 8. Oregon's explosive offense will be a tough match up for Kentucky but UK fans shouldn't worry. Wisconsin didn't finish the season very well and that's why I like Weber State to pull off the upset and then keep the magic going against Dayton in the next round. Sadly though, the magic will die out from there because Kentucky is way too focused to let Weber State pull off a third straight upset. Pittsburgh should have no problem with Wagner, but Alabama on the other hand could be a potential threat. Alabama is a top-20 team despite their record. The Crimson Tide hit a mid-season slump and simply couldn't recover from it. I think Pittsburgh will win, but in a nail-biter.

Attention Pitt fans! Before you pencil yourself into the Elite 8 match up with Kentucky, don't forget about Missouri. The Tigers almost won the Big XII tournament, which would have been quite an accomplishment. Also, keep in mind that Missouri made it to the Elite 8 last year, so they are certainly capable of doing it again. The upset of the tournament is going to be Holy Cross over Marquette. Mark it down ladies and gentlemen. Holy Cross has four starters back from last year's squad that almost upset #1 seeded Kansas in the last year's 1st round. Lookout Marquette! Even if Holy Cross does win, it won't matter. Missouri will be advancing to the Sweet 16 where they will eventually lose to Pitt, which should be a great game. Brandin Knight and Pittsburgh have to stay healthy if they have any hope of making to New Orleans.

The Pick: Kentucky
Sleepers: Missouri, Alabama

West

The 2nd round match up between Arizona and Gonzaga should be fun to watch. It's always fun to see Gonzaga play in the tournament. Arizona will be too much though. The West bracket is loaded with great match ups and the Illinois Notre Dame game is another. It's very unlikely that Notre Dame will win that match up though, simply because the Irish are playing so poorly, and Illinois is playing so well. The Sweet 16 match up between Arizona and Illinois is phenomenal. This is the type of game Arizona has to be careful. Illinois has a lot of inside depth, and playing a grueling Big Ten schedule makes them a very physical team too. Illinois is one of the few teams in this field that can upset the Wildcats. Unfortunately for Arizona, they're in the same half of the bracket. I'm going to go with my gut feeling on this one: I like Illinois to upset Arizona. The bottom half of this bracket isn't too hard to figure out. Duke and Kansas will cruise in the 1st round. Look for Central Michigan to upset Creighton. Creighton is a finesse team that has no answer for Central Michigan's 7-foot Junior, Chris Kaman. Also, watch out for Arizona State. Everyone is praising Memphis and telling Kansas to lookout for the Tigers. That's all the motivation Arizona State needs. Duke and Kansas should meet up in the Sweet 16 and that's where I like Kansas' senior leadership to carry them to victory.

The Pick: Kansas
Sleepers: Illinois, Central Michigan

So there you have it. I feel Kentucky, Kansas, Florida, and Syracuse will all be in New Orleans this April. Of course, it's not written in stone yet. That's what makes March Madness so great! So be sure to tune in next week, when each of my final four picks could already be out of the tournament.

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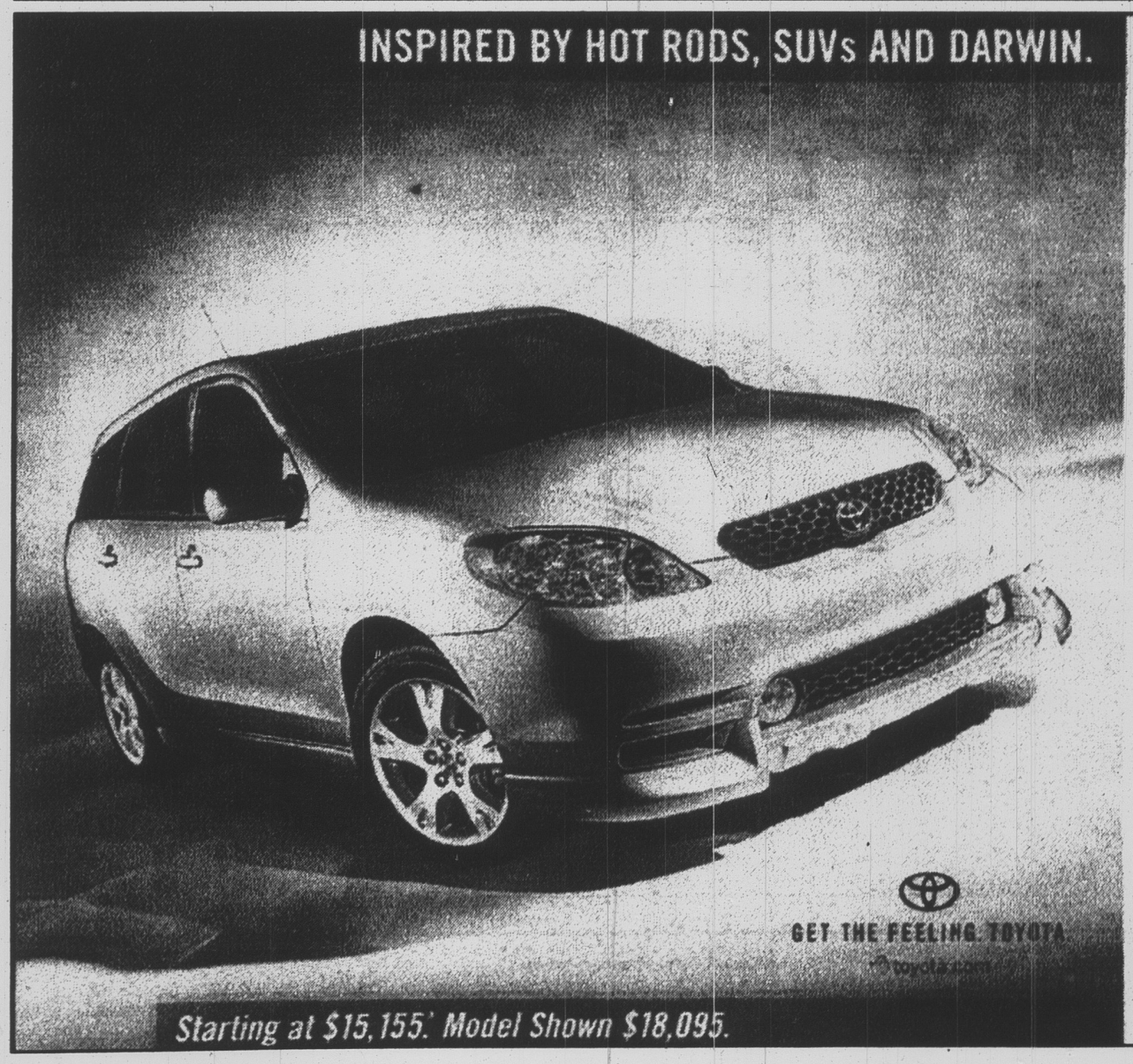

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

They should have coupons for college educations. Like buy 3 years, get the 4th one free.

Someone left sticky notes and pens in front of the Rant n' Rave box!

I guess I'm unpatriotic 'cause I like to form my own opinions.

Whoa! We have a lake?

Those who feel a need to play music at ungodly levels are trying to compensate for something...

Walk back to Japan!

Why do they call them wisdom teeth? I don't feel wiser for having them out.

I don't trust the President of the United States.

Someone ripped the sign down!

Che was cool. We need more people like that.

Does anyone else feel like they're in a zoo when people press their faces against the door between the cafeteria and the TUB?

Stupid midterms week! Why do we need 100 assignments over top of stupid tests?!

Hard hearts hardly see.

No war on Iraq.

Remember what they say about opinions and belly buttons: Everyone has one.

Does anyone else think Bush looks like a monkey? I want to give him a banana.

Not in our name!

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Our View: Top Terrorist Target

Our dormitories are now locked from seven o'clock in the evening until the morning. This is suposed to offer us more security against terrorist threats in response to our country's war on Iraq. How will keeping the doors locked prevent terrorist attacks on campus? And what kind of self respecting terrorist would target Westminster? Are we really that high on al-Qaida's list of enemies?

Last year a plane crashed in Sommerset county, but classes continued as normal. Our country was attacked but we were urged to go about our daily routines and not let the acts of terrorism stop our day to day activities. But now that our country is the aggressor, how are things different?

It makes sense that unsanctioned attacks on another country would cause more groups to hate us, and therefore attack our country in response. It makes sense that security procedures would be stepped up due to the heightened rainbow colored alert the United States is currently on. What is it now, code magenta? It makes sense that people should be scared.

What does not make sense is why Westminster would be a target. Yes, we are close to Pittsburgh, a major city and potential terrorist target, but one of the points of terrorism is to create an event, a spectacle, and there are quite a few larger, more media significant schools between us and the city.

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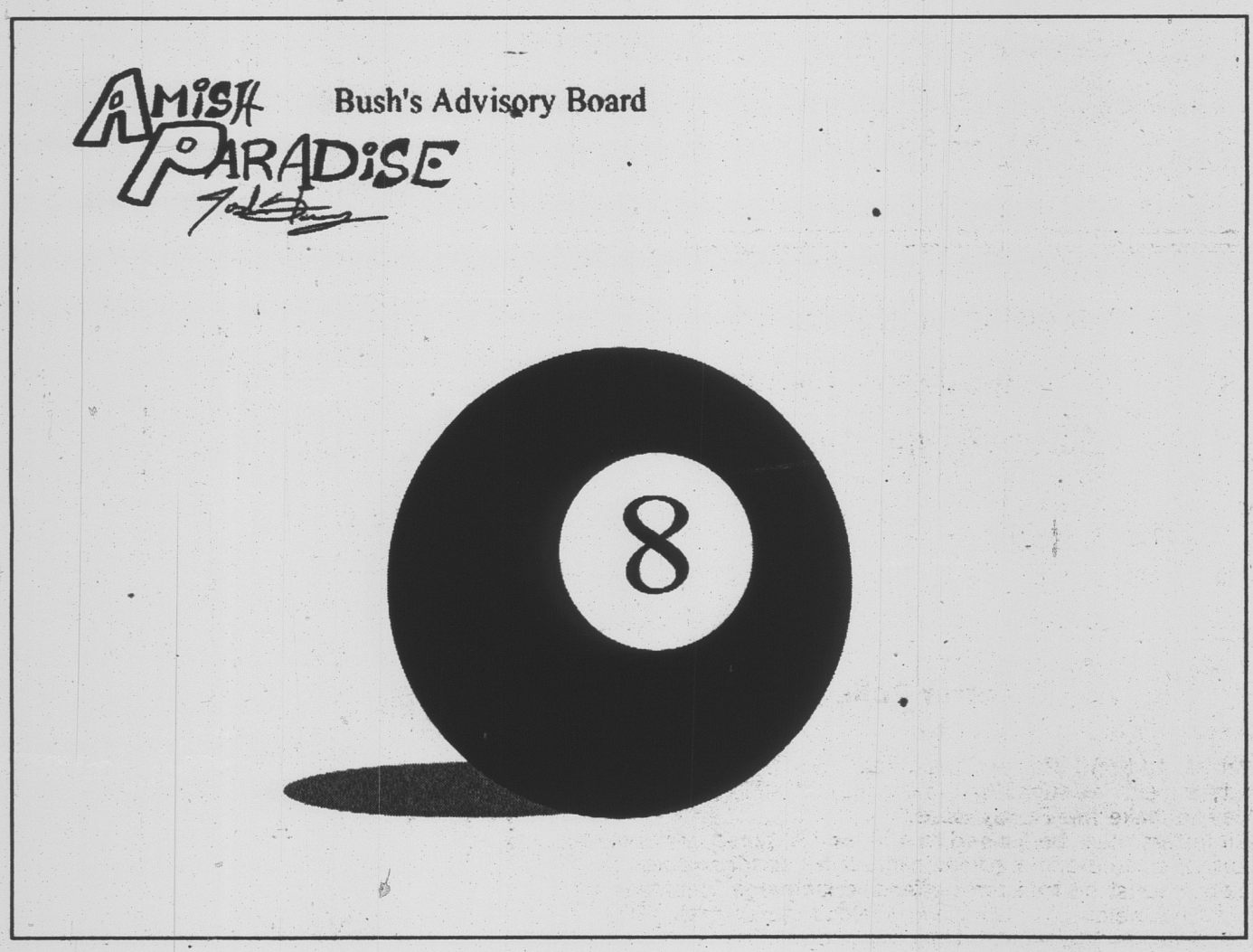
Locking the dorms down is just a placebo. It is the college's attempt to make us feel more secure in an insecure time. And it is patronizing to think we will be eased buy the notion that our doors are locked. Here is some news: if someone wants to get into the building, locked doors will not stop them.

The seven o'clock lock down will only inconvience students, like desk sitters, who have to be in the dorms after seven, but do not live in that dormitory. It is nothing but a hassle.

Granted, Westminster is probably one of the only colleges left in America that does not keep its dorms locked 24/7, but if the college is going to change its policy, then do it all the way and lock the doors all the time. It would be an inconvience at first but the campus would get used to it. Do not try to tell the students that it is security procedures guarding against terrorism. That only patronizes the students and makes the security meassures seem weak at best.

Now lets all go out and stock up on duct tape and plastic wrap, and hide under our desks. That will keep us safe.



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Guest Editorial: Bombing Iraq for its own good

by Josh Leon
The State Hornet

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — "A new regime in Iraq would serve as a dramatic and inspiring example of freedom to other nations of the region," declared President Bush in a recent speech, adding that rebuilding Iraq will require "a sustained commitment from many nations, including our own."

So there you have it. If Bush's promise is delivered, Iraq will become a shining example of democracy and stability in the Middle East. And if all goes as planned, oppressed citizens of other oil-rich misfitcountries in the region will be lining up to have liberation bestowed upon them as well.

Yet I get the nagging suspicion that our president's words amount to no more than a bald-faced lie. It's a good bet that this promise, like so many others broken by the Bush administration, will soon amount to literally nothing.

After grandiose talk following the Afghan war, Bush's 2003 budget requestdid not include one red cent in aid to Afghanistan (an embarrassed Congress, however, quickly allocated $300 million). Now that the pain and suffering often caused largely by American bombers escapes the administration's memory, we flash forward to Iraq.

To solve a potential humanitarian catastrophe in the war's aftermath, the White House predicted a laughable two-year rebuilding process. In addition, White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer is downplaying the rebuilding efforts already, hinting that Iraq could pay for much of its own reconstruction.

This is the recipe for democracy that Bush is bestowing upon the lucky people of Iraq, along with 3,000 bombs and missiles that General Tommy Franks proposes to "shock" Iraq with in the first 48 hours of the conflict.

Call it "shock" therapy.

At the same time, the mainstream press continues to sanitize the methods we'll use to "save" this beleaguered patient. Judging by recent wars in Afghanistan and Kosovo, there exists the strong possibility that Franks' initial "shock" will consist of weapons with "capabilities to inflict mass casualties and destruction," to use the State Department's partial definition of weapons of mass destruction.

For instance, America's widely criticized cluster bombs explode into miniature "bomblets," of which five percent remain unexploded "duds" which detonate when stepped on.

As a result, 127 Afghan civilians have been killed by these since that war, most of them children, according to the Boston Globe. Thousands of these "bomblets" remain and have killed hundreds of people in Iraq, Kosovo and Vietnam.

These and other weapons, including "smart bombs," destroyed such civilian targets as power plants, television stations and hospitals in previous bombing operations.

Though these don't meet the state department's second criteria for weapons of mass destruction — that they be "chemical, biological or nuclear in nature" — innocent people are going to be just as dead whether they are blown to bits by conventional explosives or gassed.

Still, some argue that the use of radioactive depleted uranium bombs and shells may qualify, since it has been linked to increased cancer and sickness rates.

Also, there is Bush's ominous ambition to indoctrinate tactical nukes into conventional warfare.

These are just a few examples of our so-called "light show" weaponry, which will inflict mass carnage upon civilian populations with little understanding of the politics behind this war. Yet I suspect the thousands of mothers who are likely to lose their children at Bush's whim couldn't care less about his vainglorious promise of democracy.

The aim here is not to point the finger at the military or the Bush administration for the irony of using de-facto weapons of mass destruction in the name of disarmament, but to pose a question: Given the shaky assumption that the administration really will establish a model democracy in Iraq, is it possible that we're applying a tremendous shock with no therapy?

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

The Hours and The Hunted

The Hours
Biz Adams

I saw The Hours this weekend. I read the book a few months ago. I would have enjoyed the movie lots more if I hadn't.

Meryl Streep, Nicole Kidman and Julianne Moore are all in this film. Kidman and Moore are both nominated for Academy Awards for their roles as tortured writer Virginia Woolf and sedate housewife Laura Brown, respectively. 'Meryl Streep plays Clarrissa Vaughn, a woman struggling with her life's purpose in the midst of planning a party. Here's why I think Streep was the only one not nominated. Her character in the novel is introverted, questioning the meaning and importance of her time spent on Earth. She is elegantly introspective in print. Onscreen, this internal struggle comes across as whiney and annoying. Her performance was still wonderful, but the monologues were painful to endure.

The movie's themes echo Virginia Woolf's book "Mrs. Dalloway." In fact, the characters' lives all revolve around the book: Woolf is writing the novel during her time onscreen, Brown is reading the novel as a depressed and pregnant suburban housewife in the 1950s and Vaughn's character is nicknamed "Mrs. D." by a friend while she plans a party in 2001.

If you haven't seen the movie, read the book. If you haven't read the book, see the movie. I don't know if that makes sense, but I have to leave for class now so I don't have time to elaborate. Happy Spring!

The Hours: I read the book a few months ago. I would have enjoyed the movie lots more if I hadn't.

The Hunted: Another thriller film but this time, without the thrill.

The Hunted
Jimm Needle

"The Hunted," staring Tommy Lee Jones and Benicio Del Toro, tells the story of a man who has been brainwashed after decades of working as a professional killer for the army. When that man, Benicio Del Toro, is released from the army, he unable to distinguish fantasy from reality. This problem causes Del Toro's character to go on a killing spree. In order to catch Del Toro, Jones is persuaded to come out of retirement to catch this man, whom years before, he had trained.

The problem with this film is not that it is bad; the problem is that it is the same as every other Tommy Lee Jones fugitive chase film. I believe "The Hunted" brings his total fugitive chase movies to four: "The Fugitive," "U.S. Marshals," "Double Jeopardy" and now "The Hunted." The acting in this film is top notch, but if you have seen Tommy Lee Jones in other films, then this is just the same. I would categorize "The Hunted" as another thriller film but this time, without the thrill.

Television media source for information in changing world

by Jillian Jordan
A&E Editor

Every day we wake up to a different world than that which we lived in the day before. Over night, instances occur that change things from the way that they had previously been. Without television news and talk shows, we would probably be missing out on a lot of what we learn about our world each day. I, for one, rarely pick up a newspaper to find out the top news stories. I reach for the remote and flip on the news.

The world is constantly changing. Nowadays, each time we change the channel to a news broadcast, we end up hearing about the new and latest development with the Iraq situation. Every once in a while, our favorite programs are even interrupted to let the world know about any pertinent information that has just been developed.

While I was watching The Oprah Winfrey Show today, I was thinking about the entire list of shows considered to be the "talk shows" of television today. Oprah, Howard Stern, Martha Stewart, Dr. Phil, Regis and Kelly, Jerry Springer, Jay Leno, and David Letterman are only a few of the names that we often think of when we consider watching a talk show.

From sunrise to late night, we have an immense amount of shows to choose from. Whether we want to learn about the latest trends, entertainment news, or hear advice about how we should go about finding that special someone, television provides us with an infinite number of shows to meet our momentary needs.

After watching an episode of The Jerry Springer Show, I'm sure that many of you will agree with me in saying that you know someone personally that could pick a better topic and do a better job hosting than what this show provides us with.

Then, we turn on a show such as Oprah (my personal favorite), and see a woman with real public appeal. She, along with other qualified hosts, has the innate ability to make conversation with just about anyone, from a pregnant fifteen year old to Michael Jackson. Why is this? Well, I'd say it's because she is what most would call a "people person." I know that in my every day life, I bump into people who have this same amazing capability to turn my gloomiest frown upside down, just by the impact of their cheery attitude.

What is it that has allowed ordinary people such as these to impact people worldwide? Initiative. As corny as it sounds, if you believe it, you can achieve it. I think that if you have the ability to reach people in a way that touches their hearts, use it to benefit yourself. Every day, new hosts are popping up everywhere. Caroline Rhea and Wayne Brady are just two of the newer talk show hosts that have appeared on the top television networks. Who knows? Maybe one of our very own Westminster broadcasting students will be the next Oprah or Regis! If you have the drive, get in your car and go for your dreams.

Recording artists speak out against US attacks on Iraq

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

Unlike 50 percent of our country believes, Iraq has not been linked to Al-Qaeda. According to the Washington Post, our government has also conceded that some of the documents Colon Powell used to accuse Iraq of having a nuclear weapons program were forgeries. Finally, from a personal standpoint, I would like to express that I am not anti-American. I love our country, and I support our troops, many of whom are my friends, and I would like for them to come home.

Now to the music aspect of the issue. This past Tuesday, System of a Down unveiled their new video, "Boom." The video was directed by famous author, film director and political thinker Michael Moore and included clips of some of the band members interviewing people at the February 15 protests. These protests were the largest in recorded history with an estimated 11 million people worldwide protesting a war with Iraq.

In other music news, there has been a recent backlash against the Dixie Chicks because of their stance on the war. Natalie Maines of the group had this to say about the war: "While war may remain a viable option, as a mother, I just want to see every possible alternative exhausted before children and American soldiers' lives are lost. I love my country. I am a proud American. I feel the President is ignoring the opinions of many in the U.S. and alienating the rest of the world. My comments were made in frustration and one of the privileges of being an American is you are free to voice your own point of view."

The Beastie Boys have also entered the anti-war community with a song specifically targeted at the subject titled, "In A World Gone Mad." Band member Adam Yauch commented on the intent of the song. "We felt it was important to comment on where the US appears to be heading now. A war in Iraq will not resolve our problems. It can only result in the deaths of many innocent civilians and US troops. If we are truly striving for safety, we need to build friendships, not try to bully the rest of the world." Fellow band member Adam Horovitz added that, "this song is not an anti-American or pro-Saddam Hussein statement. This is a statement against an unjustified war."

Some of you also may know that musicians speaking at the Grammies were silenced by reportedly being told that if they spoke out against the war, they would be cut from the show. This didn't deter Sheryl Crow from wearing an anti-war guitar strap. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony was reportedly covered with anti-war rhetoric as well. Though somewhat out of the spotlight recently, Eminem has been speaking out against the Bush administration's follies.

I urge you to go the Dave Mathews Band website to read Dave's statement opposing the war, and also to look at the list of some of the musicians at moveon.org, such as Busta Rhymes, George Clinton, Sheryl Crow, Missy Elliott, Jay Z, Natalie Merchant, Outkast, REM and Sum 41, all opposing the war.

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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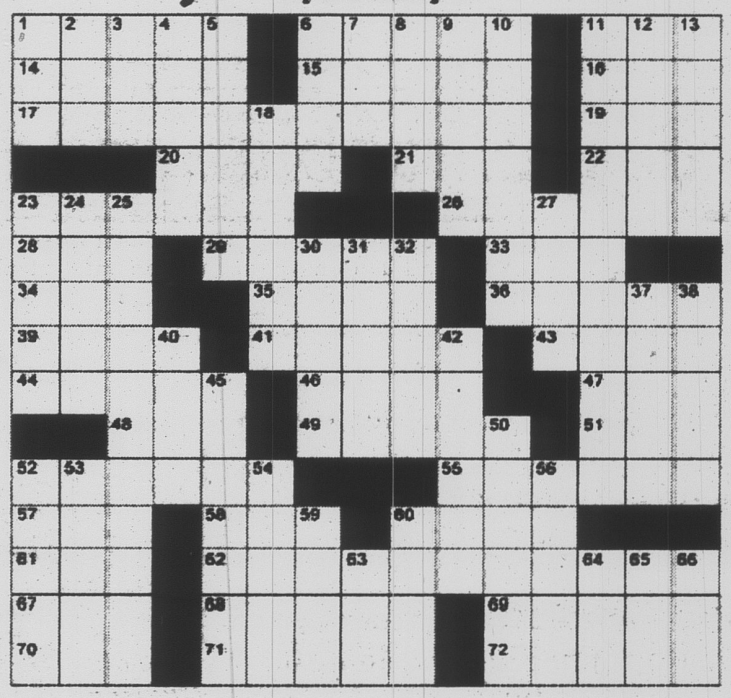

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6 Fringe benefits
11 Pay dirt
14 Concur
15 Goodnight girl of song
16 Nero Wolfe's Stout
17 Augusta thoroughfare
19 Period
20 Mr. Conan Doyle to friends
21 Tennis serve gone astray
22 Wrigley's offering
23 Infantryman
26 Singer Paul & others
28 Entirely
29 City in India
33 Reverse of:Prefix
34 Obit
35 Dershowitz, for one
36 Florida player
39 Homer's pride
41 Gold standard
43 Accurate
44 Specialized vocabulary
46 Schedule
47 Cash dispenser
48 Batman & Robin
49 Prayer endings
51 Actress Lupino
52 Gains knowledge
55 Arness' *Gunsmoke role*
57 Fraternal member
58 Toddler
60 Nabisco offering
61 Broke bread
62 Juneau grouch
67 ____ sauce
68 Baptizer
69 Inexperienced
70 Printers measures
71 Scene of action
72 Priscilla's John

Down

1 Corny actor
2 ___ Kahn
3 ___ Lanka
4 Word before system
5 Become angry:2 wds
6 Feel for
7 Miscue
8 Highland fling, e.g.
9 Joints
10 Background
11 Salem hiking path
12 An old TV show
13 Quizzes
18 Brief stretch of luck
23 Synagogue official
24 Homer's contribution
25 Miami door openers
27 Trench
30 Camel cousin
31 Women's quarters
32 Foolish
37 Surpass
38 Furnish new staff
40 Hitch
42 Arctic treeless area
45 Successful 49er
50 Earth color
52 Contract
53 Singer John
54 Relating to the sun
56 Slow train
59 Meek
60 Gumbo ingredient
63 DC VIP
64 Free
65 Street crosser
66 Actor Affleck

Quotable Quote

Last night I dreamed I ate a ten-pound marshmallow, and when I woke up the pillow was gone.

• • • *Tommy Cooper*

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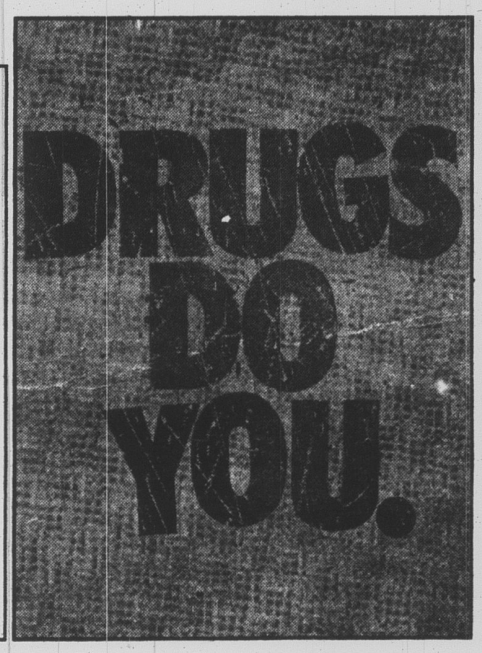

HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Avoid taking yourself to seriously this week. You have a tendency to work yourself into the ground - are you just a conscientious worker or a workaholic? Lighten up. Pay close attention to an important relationship, you may be in way over your head.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
It's time to take a softer approach in expressing your love and appreciation for someone you care for. Avoiding any problems which are on the front burner will not make them go away. Take a deep breath and jump in. The resolution will be easier than expected.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Your financial situation seems to be steadying this week, and will remain so for at least the next several months. Build a solid foundation now - you can never be too sure of what the future holds. If you're feeling restless and bored, go do something new.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
If you are bursting with energy this week, take the opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise. If you are trying to break free of a difficult relationship or habit, a close friend may be able to help. Changes may be difficult to face, but will be best in the long run.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
This week is not time to be taking major risks with a primary relationship. Any changes must be made slowly, keeping in mind the feelings of others involved. You are experiencing a feeling of contentment, that everything is well, in spite of contrary evidence.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
There is some surprisingly good advice concerning money coming your way. Take financial advice of a close friend. A conservative approach is definitely best, and any investments should be well thought out first. Time just for you will help to unwind putting things in perspective.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
You are in a great mood this week, and can remain so if you look on the bright side of what is really quite a wonderful life. Use your wit and charm on those stick-in-the-mud folks who always want to play it safe and rarely have much fun.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Your work is a major concern during this week. Start to organize and delegate more than usual, and you'll be surprised how quickly goals are accomplished. If you are overwhelmed by choices regarding monetary purchases, sleep on it first. It is time for introspection and much needed rest.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Use your creativity to the max to solve problems which you would usually put off to the side. By the week's end you may feel quite secure and successful in your present quest to provide the best use of your resources. You may get caught up in a project and lose all sense of time.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Any connections you make in your present love relationship will reflect the interconnection you have cultivated within yourself. Take a leadership role where money matters are concerned. You may not know what is best, but you know enough to bring about success.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Are you suddenly being drawn into an unusual relationship? Pay attention to your hunches and intuition, particularly where love is concerned. Don't act out of ego if you expect to get anywhere. You will emerge victorious in a situation due to your ability to reason things through.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Your feminine side is present, and this may make you feel a bit uncomfortable in a society where everyone is encouraged to act and think in a macho way. Don't be your worse enemy, thinking things through may only take you out of the game. Know when to leave well enough alone.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are able to handle almost anything life may throw at you in the way of surprises. You tend to put alot of faith in those you love, and it can be quite a shock when they let you down. Keep your self-esteem intact.

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Interactive Story of the Week:
Virtues: A story of desire, rabbits, and monkeys

Desire!!! **(Phil Lamperski, first year)** A concept of the mind, a pathological need for passion. **(Matt "Mex" Rotunno, first year)** I like bunny rabbits, especially ones with an appetite for destruction. **(Jerry Rowland, first year)** Yes, bunnies are cute but delicious. **(Jaimie Taylor, first year)** I saw Mrs. Kerbopple and Principal Skinner making babies in the closet. **(Ralph Wigam, Simpons - Ashley Baur, first year)** I was confused and thought he was making rabbits until my mom told me otherwise. **(Feliz DeNu, junior)** Silly rabbits, tricks are for kids. **(Steve Graven, junior)**

This one time, we saw a Mildred bird. **(Leann Deem, first year)** But we decided to ignore it and returned to our game of shuffleboard. **(Amber Bickhart, sophomore)** I like shuffleboard. When I get old and retire, I want to be a professional shuffleboard player. **(Jeremy Baker, sophomore)** And after a while I would realize that shuffleboard is the most boring profession ever and I would switch to something more entertaining. I want to be a rock star. **(Stephanie Hitchcock, sophomore)**

Ignorance is bliss. Don't allow the conformity shroud to engulf you. Read, write and hear. Don't let the fear of the world take you over. **(Andy Willis, first year)** Don't worry be happy. **(Abby Sumpter, sophomore)**

I want to see monkeys reenact the civil war. **(Josh Hanna, senior)**

Innocent rabbit or passion fill bag of desire?

Enough of this chit chat. I am gonna pick my guitar up, jam out with Further Down on March 29 at Club Laga, the coolest rock band in the world. We'll make beautiful music for the masses and live life like rock stars, happily ever after. **(Allison Evans, senior)**

Now we are at war with Iraq

by Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

Here I go again...muttering my naïve war-based opinion to what feels like cobwebs and dust bunnies, or maybe earth worms under rocks. At least I haven't made it weekly.

I have tried to lighten up recent Westminster Features with weather stories and chance or fate questions. Hope I haven't bored any readers.

But, now, we are at war. A war that I might not know the twelve-year, or longer, history behind, but I still do not agree. A war, that no matter what they promise, will bring a death toll that no one can justify to me.

Emotions of indefinable levels are being felt all around the world. Mothers, daughters, fathers and sons in the Middle East, in America, in Europe, people from the outskirts of Timbuktu have their own opinions, responses, feelings, their own sensitivity to the war at hand.

The New York Times, Wednesday, offered two pages of incredible measures. One page from Writers Against the War addressed the president with a straightforward, but civil paragraph dealing with pre-emptive war and I do not think they were happy. "As you yourself have noted, there are evildoers in this world. Let the Unites States not be one of them," just are a smidgen of the strong words that the nearly 150 writers left for Bush.

A page further in the paper offered a 4-by-6 cut-on-the-lines coupon to send to your state representative to impeach President Bush. Of course, reasons were given. But we have seen how far this kind of action goes with the recent attempt to evict Bill Clinton for having certain relations that people did not see fit.

But you know what? This war, this time around, has been issued by the Texan-native, so I have no business even thinking of impeaching him. It would only create more drama, more chaos that the world does not need to see.

This man has made promises, promises that I want to see the aftermath to. "In a free Iraq there will be no more wars of aggression against your neighbors, no more poison factories, no more executions of dissidents, no more torture chambers and rape rooms. The tyrant will soon be gone. The day of your liberation is near," a few words Bush channeled in his round-about-13-minute speech to the nation, and somehow, to the Iraqi people.

I just started to read a few editorial opinions rationalizing the aftermath, predictions and insight of what we as a nation are getting ourselves into. One knowledgeable quote that I have read with an article entitled "The Fifty-first State?" interpreted the future without a possibility of certainty. "Going to war with Iraq would mean shouldering all the responsibilities of an occupying power the moment victory was achieved. These would include running the economy, keeping domestic peace, and protecting Iraq's borders-and doing it all for years, or perhaps decades. Are we ready for this long term relationship?"

I will admit time and time again that I do not understand the history, the political concepts and do not completely follow day to day actions within the Iraq predicament, it is in my soul that makes me feel the way I do. People may laugh at me for my naïve conviction, but there is something about massacre, ruthless slaughter, destruction of people, beautiful places, any form of life. Many blessings to the world, and peace be with everyone.

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The quest for Golden Boy: Oscar night approaches

by Tom Oyer
Staff Writer

This Sunday, one event in Hollywood will bring out the stars, the glamour, the dresses, and the always entertaining Joan Rivers. The 75th Annual Academy Awards! The Oscars will be broadcast live starting at 8:30 p.m. on ABC and will be hosted by Steve Martin, in his second turn at hosting the big show.

Despite the threat of war, the show's producers have promised that the show will go on. However, some events, such as the red carpet and other celebrations, will be scaled down.

While no one knows (or often cares) who will win the best Documentary Short Subject award; many feel they can predict the winners in the main six categories. I will attempt to do the same and analyze each race.

In the supporting actress category, the nominees are Kathy Bates for About Schmidt, Julianne Moore for The Hours, Queen Latifah for Chicago, Meryl Streep for Adaptation, and Catherine Zeta-Jones for Chicago. Support in this category has shifted strongly from Streep's performance to Zeta-Jones' singing and dancing, especially after Zeta-Jones won the Screen Actor's Guild award. My prediction is that Zeta-Jones will win, with Streep being the possible spoiler.

The Supporting Actor nominees are Chris Cooper for Adaptation, Ed Harris for The Hours, Paul Newman for Road to Perdition, John C. Reilly for Chicago, and Christopher Walken for Catch Me If You Can. Initially, Cooper was the heavy favorite for his eccentric performance as an orchid thief in Adaptation. However, Walken recently won at the SAG awards and now proves to be some competition. I, on the other hand, still believe Cooper will beat out Walken and win his first Oscar.

The Lead Actress race is proving to be one of the closest races of the year. The nominees are Salma Hayek for Frida, Nicole Kidman for The Hours, Diane Lane for Unfaithful, Julianne Moore for Far From Heaven, and Renee Zellweger for Chicago. Moore was the early favorite for her brilliant performance, but after Kidman's Golden Globe win, many are predicting her as the future victor. However, Zellweger's recent victory at the SAG awards makes this race even more wide open. Lane could still prove a dark horse. While I'm hoping for a Moore win, I'm predicting Zellweger will ride the Chicago wave for a win, barely over the rest.

The nominees in the Lead Actor race are Adrien Brody for The Pianist, Nicolas Cage for Adaptation, Michael Caine for The Quiet American, Daniel Day-Lewis for Gangs of New York, and Jack Nicholson for About Schmidt. This is basically a three way race. Nicholson took the Golden Globe in January, but then Day-Lewis took the SAG. I predict Day-Lewis to win his second Oscar with Brody waiting in the wings for an upset. The nominees for Best Picture are Chicago, Gangs of New York, The Hours, The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, and The Pianist. Now in the awards for best picture and director, the films usually match. However, this year could be different. There is a strong movement to award Martin Scorsese for directing Gangs of New York, especially because of his legendary status and the fact that he has never won. However, I think Rob Marshall will win for Chicago in a clean Chicago sweep which will include its assured win for Best Picture of the year.

Make sure to tune in Sunday and find out for yourselves will take the stage and receive that highly sought-after little golden guy!

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 21

11:40 a.m. Chapel
M Tennis @ Pitt-Greensburg
6:30 p.m. Newman Club Stations of the Cross Service and Pizza Party - St. Camillus Church, New Castle
7:00 p.m. Praise Jam - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Planetarium Show: "Inner Space Medicine: The Inside Story" - HSC 116
7:30 p.m. Symphonic Band Concert - Orr Auditorium
9:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega One Acts Festival - Down Under

SATURDAY 22

All Day Governor's School
(High School Students' Competition in the Arts)

1:00 p.m. Softball vs. Mount Union (H)
3:00 p.m. Student Recital: Tracy Gulling - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Mass
7:30 p.m. Duo Recital: Susanna Reilly and Matthew McCright - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Alpha Psi Omega One Acts Festival - Down Under

SUNDAY 23

3:00 p.m. Kappa Delta Pi Initiation - Chapel
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie

MONDAY 24

11:40 a.m. Chapel
1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Thiel (H)
1:00 p.m. W Golf @ W&J
2:30 p.m. M Tennis vs. John Carroll (H)
5:15 p.m. Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
7:30 p.m. Chamber Music Recital: Faculty and Guest Artists - Chapel
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Late Night - Down Under

TUESDAY 25

HISTORY DAY
11:00 a.m. LEAD Workshop & Luncheon - Orr Mezzanine
11:15 a.m. Student Life and Athletic Council - OM 307
3:00 p.m. Baseball @ Thiel
3:00 p.m. Softball @ Penn State-Behrend
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Late Night - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 26

11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Tim Cuff, "Last Tango in Buenos Aires: The Uneasy Dance of History, Biology and Economics" - PH 311
Noon Praise Jam - Chapel
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
9:30 p.m. Seekers Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 27

3:00 p.m. M Tennis @ Grove City
4:00 p.m. Chronicles of Narnia Study - Ferguson Lobby
7:00 p.m. Bleasby Colloquium: Guest Poet, Greg Rapplie - Phillips Lecture Hall
7:00 p.m. Young Republicans - PH 131
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Planetarium Show: "Inner Space Medicine: The Inside Story" - HSC 116
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Dance Theatre Spring Program
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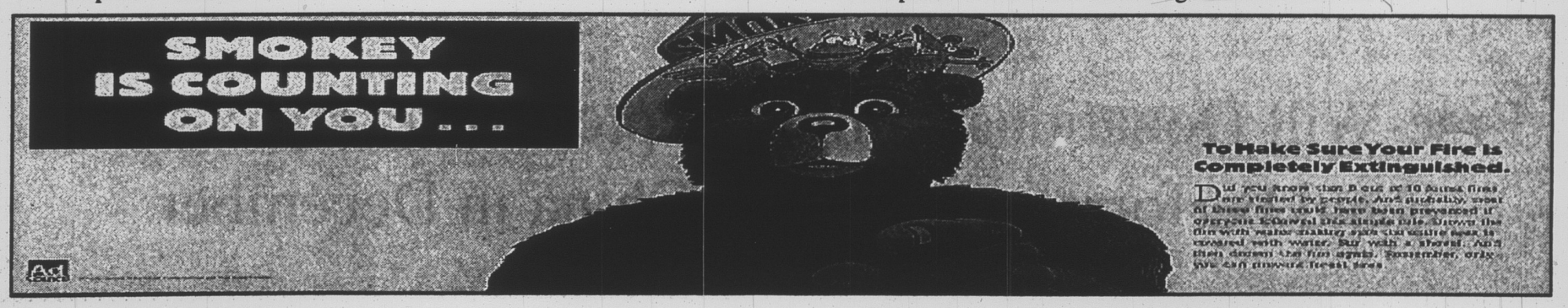

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Dance Theatre performs spring concert

by Amy DalBon
Staff Writer

Dance Theatre will have its spring concert in Orr Auditorium on Thursday, Mar. 27 and Friday, Mar. 28 at 8 p.m. and again on Saturday, Mar. 29 at 2 p.m.

The show consists of 18 dances ranging in style from lyrical and jazz to tap and hip-hop. All the choreographers are students in Dance Theatre. There are over 80 girls in the different numbers.

Senior Megan Ruefle, president of Dance Theatre, is impressed with the size of the show this year. "This is the biggest show we have had during my four years here. Plus having two guys in the organization, who are also choreographers is a great achievement," she said.

Despite the fact that guys aren't usually involved in dance theatre, sophomore choreographer Tom Oyer decided to give it a try. "I decided to get involved to see if I would like it since the show last year looked like a lot of fun," he said.

The work needed to get the dances ready for the show was not easy. Since the dance studio was turned into the bookstore when the construction started, all the dancers have had to find alternate practice places. Some use Old 77 while other groups have used the Down Under, Orr Mezzanine, Orr Lobby, Ferguson Lobby, and even the hallways of Patterson.

Another problem that occurred was the amount of practice time lost. With many dancers in the musical during the fall semester, most practices did not start until after Winter Break. They also lost a week of practice due to Spring Break. This year, the show is five weeks earlier so that

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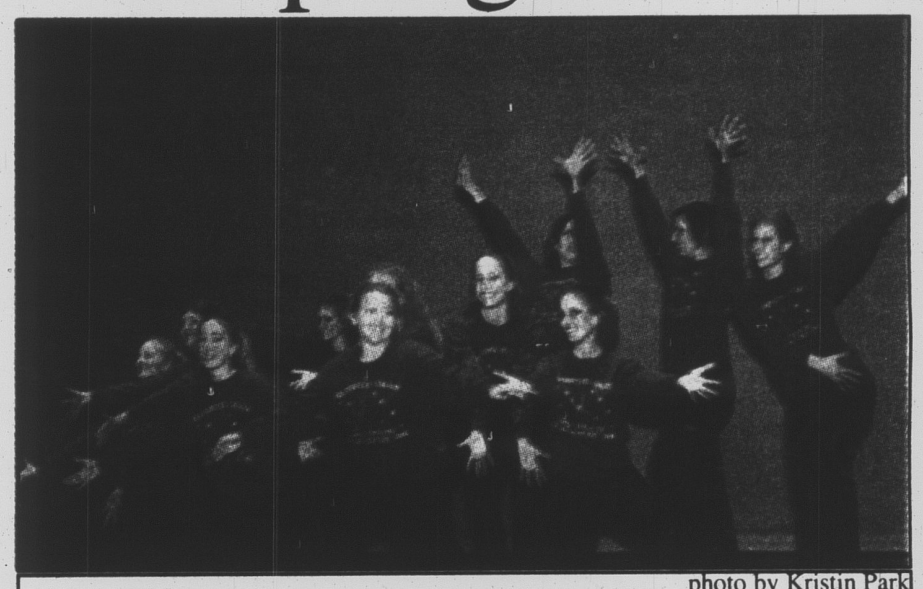


photo by Kristin Park
Dancers prepare for opening night at dress rehearsal.

Memorial service held for Jennifer Snyder

by Nikki Pencak
Staff Writer

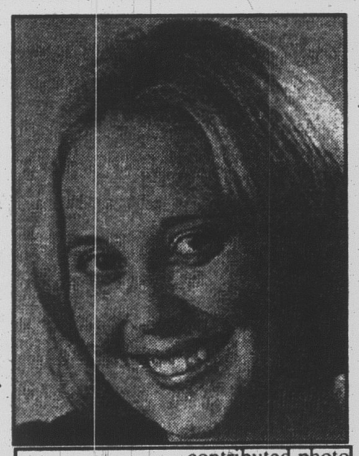
A memorial service for Jennifer Snyder was held Wednesday morning at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel.

The chapel was full, not just of students, but of professors and administrators.

The service began with opening remarks from President Williamson and continued with a prayer led by Steve Allen. "As a first year student and a commuter Jennifer was just beginning to be known by students and faculty on the Westminster campus, but one thing began to become clear after the news of Jennifer's accident," Allen said. "While many of us were only beginning to get to know her, there were many who were very close with her. The words that I began to hear that described her were bubbly, a servant, generous, hard working, close to her family, a tireless worker, one big smile, a daughter, a granddaughter, a sister, a fiancé, a student, a classmate, and a friend."

Through Steve's words, listeners could imagine the true relationships Jennifer created with so many people. Jennifer had created the same types of relationships experienced by everyone on campus.

Scripture readings were shared, and members of the Westminster Concert Choir shuffled wordlessly onto risers and performed "In Remembrance." There has never been a more joyless college performance, and it was unnerving to see college students without at least a glimmer of joy.



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Jennifer Snyder
Hubbard, Oh.

Reflections from Laura Bayuk, Christen Delgros, and Dr. Carla Bluhm followed the choir's performance. These reflections did glimmer with joy, and it became evident what a whole-souled friend Jennifer had been to these people. People were joyful because they had simply known Jennifer.

The service closed with a prayer led by Keturah Laney, and "Shout to the Lord" was sung in honor of Jennifer's love of Christian praise songs.

Following the chapel service, students, Jennifer's family, and members of the college attended a memorial tree planting ceremony in the quad.

Keturah voiced the day's emotion well by saying, "I didn't expect to be crying during the service. Sometimes, we have to hold our emotions until afterward. However, as I looked into the faces of students gathered in the Chapel, I could see how difficult it is to comprehend losing a peer. As a community, we suffered a great loss."

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CAMPUS NEWS

Big Brothers and Sisters to "Bowl for Kids' Sake"

by Tricia Burich
Staff Writer

Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Lawrence County are having their ninth annual Bowl For Kids' Sake on April 5.

Each year, this event has several teams from Westminster. The event helps bring in 30 percent of the organization's yearly budget.

Big Brothers-Big Sisters is a non-profit organization that helps provide role models for children. The organization opened locally in 1994 in Lawrence County. Since then, it has provided volunteers to over 160 children in the county.

Freshman Sarah Emanuele loves participating in Big Brothers-Big Sisters for many reasons.

"I find the big brothers big sisters program to be very rewarding, because it gives you a chance to help out someone younger than you who are really just looking for a friend," she said. "It is a good feeling to know that by just spending time with them once a week for a couple of hours can make a difference in their life."

Each year, members form teams of 4 to 6 people and raise money for the cause. By raising money, members receive a t-shirt, food, drinks, free bowling, shoe rental and door prizes. There will also be music provided by a DJ, face painting, a magician, a Chinese auction and even a palm reader.

"It's a wonderful cause to help those less fortunate than me, and to let the children know that there are people in this world that care for them," senior Christina Contes said.

"It's always nice to do something for a good cause, while having fun at the same time," junior Courtney Lytle said.

Even students who do not participate in Big Brothers-Big Sisters, can donate their time or money to help the organization.

"Big Brothers and Big Sisters is a program I've always been interested in, but I've never had the means to actually participate in," junior Heather Ferriero said. "Bowl For Kids Sake gave me a chance to finally participate, and I am glad I had the opportunity to help with such a worthwhile cause."

For more information about Bowl For Kids' Sake, contact Laurel Miller or visit the Big Brothers-Big Sisters website at www.bbbslawco.org.

Students produce One-Act Festival

by Jessica Bevan
Staff Writer

Last weekend, Alpha Psi Omega presented the One-Act Festival, adding seven more plays to its repertoire, including one student written play.

The completely student-produced festival performed to standing room only crowds on March 21 and 22. The plays offered many first time experiences to both the actors and directors.

"This was my first real directorial experience, beside in Directing Class, so it was a real learning experience," said sophomore Rich Marmura. "As for directing itself, I was just very happy to have a chance to try my hand at a new aspect of theatre. I have been very heavily involved in the acting and construction aspects of Theatre Westminster... so the chance to work on the production end of theatre was great experience. In addition, it gives me as an actor, an even greater respect for other directors! It is not an easy job!"

Casting for the production includes an open audition. Then, the directors barter over the actors they feel would best fit their plays, while trying to give everyone a chance to participate without being overloaded.

"This year was different because I was in two shows and that was a new experience," said sophomore actor Tom Oyer. "Last year I got only one turn. I would say that playing two completely different characters was probably more challenging [than playing one character in a larger production] because it's a completely different mindset. You have to completely change your thinking and your approach."

First year student actress, Cate Holder, on the other hand, thinks longer productions are more taxing.

"It's more tiring to perform for an entire show rather than just a couple of One-Acts, but really, it's just the same to me. You just have to prepare yourself for each one before," said Holder.

The plays included *English Made Simple* and *Man and God Have a Few Beers and Talk Things Over*, directed by Marmura; *Purgatory Life*, directed by junior Jason Cooper; *The League of Semi-Super Heroes*, directed by sophomore Phil Webster; *Tattoo*, directed by Alisa Locke; *Happily After Laughter*, written and directed by sophomore Bob Allen; and *Drive In*, directed by sophomore Kauleen Cloutier.

Marmura said he would like to keep directing, in addition to acting in the productions.

"As for my plans next year, I plan on trying to do both acting and directing," said Marmura. "I plan on continuing to audition for shows, but I certainly wouldn't pass up a chance to direct again, especially with the talent that we have on this campus."

Oyer is already considering trying his hand at directing in the future.

"I have seriously thought about directing a one-act either next year or my senior year, however, I would still miss being on stage and acting crazy," said Oyer.

Audience members enjoyed the variety of dramatic and comedic plays. First year student Amy Sasfai was unsure of what to expect, but walked away pleased.

"I loved the One-Acts! To be honest I wasn't sure if I was going to stay the entire time, but at the end I wanted to stay longer," said Sasfai. "The grand finale, Drive In, was definitely my favorite. Everyone did such a great job, and I'm looking forward to next year's performance."

Stolen drawing from art gallery returned

by Teale Ganster
Staff Writer

The stolen drawing from the art gallery has been returned. Just a day after the campus-wide e-mail from art professor Peggy Cox went out requesting its return, the drawing was placed safely back in the gallery.

The drawing was the work of a visiting professional artist, Lisa Rassmusen. The piece was reported missing Monday, March 3 and returned the next day.

This is not the first time artwork from the gallery has been stolen. Each year the art department experiences theft or damages done to private property.

The constant damages are making student artists nervous, especially the senior art majors. In April, the seniors will each have an art display featured in the gallery. For the past four years, they have been working hard for this show to demonstrate their talents.

"I've been working on my senior project since the beginning of the summer," senior Samor Himes said. "I put a lot of work and money into it. Getting it destroyed would make me very angry. Just like non art majors have papers to write, we have projects to complete."

The art department has been thinking of ways to increase security in the gallery. Installing security cameras was a suggestion. However, common decency should be the real security.

"We're relying on the respect towards the arts," Cox said.

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The art gallery in Patterson continues to tempt thiefs.

Chapel sponsors candlelight service

by Josh Storey
Staff Writer

This past Wednesday, the Westminster Chapel Staff held a candlelight vigil prayer for the state of the union. Over thirty students and other members of the community gathered in the chapel to offer prayers and silent mediations regardless of political or personal views on the war.

John Johnston opened the vigil by pointing out that it is not a peace rally, it is just a service. Elizabeth Wallace recited a selection from "Diary of Daily Prayer" by J. Barrie Shepherd. Shepherd's words "the loss of any individual diminishes me" set the mood for the rest of the service. Sara Hackett followed Wallace. She led a prayer that called for the opposite sides of the church to interact with each other, each side reading a line of the prayer before reading a third line simultaneously. She prefaced her prayer by saying, "I'm learning the need to listen to other people's views. Now we need to listen to each other."

Christy Steidel and Sandy Edmiston both offered prayers of the people, while Lindsey Robertson offered a silent prayer. "Now is a time for you to reflect. What you pray is up to you," she said. A gesture of peace and offering of a written prayer followed the silence. Andy Winner read a selection on the power of prayer. Vince Caruso played piano while the audience sang Amazing Grace, and Johnston offered the closing Benediction.

Everyone seemed to leave the church with solemn faces, but Stephanie Hitchcock said that she felt the service was uplifting. "It helped me cope with what is going on in the world."

photo by Aly Karg
Sara Hackett lights a candle after her prayer.

Spring Fling capstone of recruitment

by Jaime Carter
Staff Writer

"Spring Fling" isn't what it sounds like. "Spring Fling" is a prospective student day, coming up Sunday, March 30 at 3 p.m. in the Buzz Ridl Gymnasium of the Memorial Field House.

Approximately 300 high school students and their guests will visit. This day was designed for them to see what college is really about. This year, the visiting students and their families are going to have the opportunity to tour the new campus center, something most current students have not even done yet.

"Basically, they [Spring Flings] are an opportunity for students that have been accepted to the college to meet and greet people from the Westminster family, including faculty, staff, coaches, students, and alumni," said coordinator of Spring Fling, Jason Nevinger. One hundred-fifty current students have been asked to attend the Spring Fling reception to welcome the visiting students. They will introduce themselves and talk about their majors, activities and lifestyles. "Spring Flings" have been taking place for over five years. The entire admissions staff works hard to make the visiting students feel welcome and at home.

"The Spring Fling is designed to be a sort of "capstone" in the recruitmentprocess. It's an event where students and parents can begin to form relationships with faculty, students, and alumni of Westminster. In many cases, the Spring Fling serves to solidify the decision to attend Westminster.

Historically, nearly 90% of those students who attend the Spring Fling end up enrolling," said Dean of Admissions Doug Swartz.

When asked about her experience at last year's "Spring Fling," first-year student Rebecca Boozer was very positive.

"I felt very comfortable after attending the Spring Fling because the faculty and students who were there where very helpful and very welcoming, so I guess I could say it made me excited to come and see what it was all about," she said.

Sophomore Toni Heyde agreed. "It [Spring Fling] made me feel better about my decision to attend Westminster. Everyone was really helpful, my parents enjoyed it and it answered their questions too," she said.

Lil' Sibs to take over campus

by Christine Atkins
Staff Writer

Children of all ages will be rounding up students, faculty and staff this weekend for the annual Lil' Sibs celebration which is once again moseying its way onto campus.

The Campus Programming Committee Lil' Sibs assistant directors, Rachel Smith and Becky Gonda, themed the annual celebration, "A Lil' Sibs Roundup," promoting a country western theme for all the activities during the weekend. One may have noticed the "Wanted" signs all over campus declaring the search for Lil' Sibs.

"Becky and I wanted to do a western theme since last year. Since then, we put together some really fun and creative activities. Everything came together so well, it's exciting!" Smith said.

Lil' Sibs weekend provides an opportunity for younger siblings to bond with their college aged family members. According to the Lil' Sibs informational packet, "Lil' Sibs weekend is a great way for siblings to experience college life and spend time with a brother or sister, a cousin, or friend."

After Friday's 5 p.m. registration, the weekend is kicked off with picture buttons, face painting, caricatures, and a barbeque at the Down Under. The evening is then followed by the opportunity to attend various campus events including Dance Theatre, a performance by guitarist Michael Seeling, and the late night coffee house, JT's Café. Saturday is also filled with many "grand old hoe down" events. The activities begin at 10 a.m. for the Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour and then are followed by the opportunity for an antique photo at the Down Under.

Participants can then join Habitat for Humanity at 11:30 a.m., where they will learn how to build log cabins with pretzels. A swimming party is also planned for the afternoon along with another opportunity to see the Dance Theatre perform, and a pony ride around Lake Brittain. The evening events will occur in the Down Under starting at 8 p.m. They will first feature the movie *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, and then will be followed by a Hoe Down dance.

Sunday's events consist of brunch, the opportunity to attend the Concert Choir performance, and a chapel service at 3 p.m. Participation for the weekend is expected to be about 100 Lil' Sibs. Everyone on campus, including students, faculty, and faculty members' children are encouraged to attend and participate in the scheduled activities.

"I hope for a lot of campus participation. It is a weekend for everyone, not just students with Lil' Sibs," said Associate Dean of Student Affairs Camille Hawthorne.

Titan Traverse travels out West and down South

by Josh Flaim
Staff Writer

After an eventful spring break, Titan Traverse looks to expand its membership for the upcoming school year.

During spring break, members of Titan Traverse went on two different trips to Wyoming and Georgia. The Wyoming trip was taken on March 7-16, and the trip to Georgia was from March 8-15.

"I really enjoyed the Wyoming trip, it was nothing like I thought that it would be," sophomore Kristy Humphries said.

Joining Humphries on the journey near Jackson, Wy. were Brooke Arens, Anna Blanchard, Rachel Caplan, Emily Deah, and facilitators Steve Montgomery and Joy Barron. While out West, the members skied cross-country and downhill while enjoying seven to eight feet of snow and stretches of blue sky.

The Titan Traverse members slept in shelters that they built called quincies, similar to a version of an igloo. Before heading back home on a two-day car ride, the group visited the local natural springs.

"Every aspect of the trip was amazing," said Humphries. "We were all challenged in many ways."

Other Titan Traverse members traveled to Cumberland Islands, Ga. during spring break. Directors Jamie Jenkins and Petra Mondue took students Candice Anderson, Erin Chittock, Brian Daniels, Allison Kennedy, Ryan Mensch, Tara Neely and Andy Winner on the trip. The group took hikes between islands, spent time at the beach, and even went searching for alligators.

"We had a lot of down time to relax, read and just do whatever," said junior Andy Winner.

Now back from break, Titan Traverse hosted an informational meeting open to anyone interested in being a part of the Titan Traverse facilitator staff or program on Thursday, March 27. For more information about joining Titan Traverse, contact Barron, Montgomery, Jenkins or Mondue for details.

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also contributed to the lack of time.

"The musical created a lot of stress," Ruefle said. "It was hard to keep it organized without a studio but I'm very proud of all the dancers and they way they pulled together and got all the numbers ready."

Sophomore Melissa Graham is just as excited about this show as last year. "It's a little more intimidating this year though because of the shorter rehearsal and clean-up time that we had," she said.

Dance Theatre is an organization suitable for anyone interested in dance. No prior dance experience is required, only a love for dance and a willingness to learn more. There are tech classes every Wednesday night that teach some technical aspects of dance along with a short, energetic routine. Dance theatre has been a part of Westminster since 1978 making this year its 25th anniversary.

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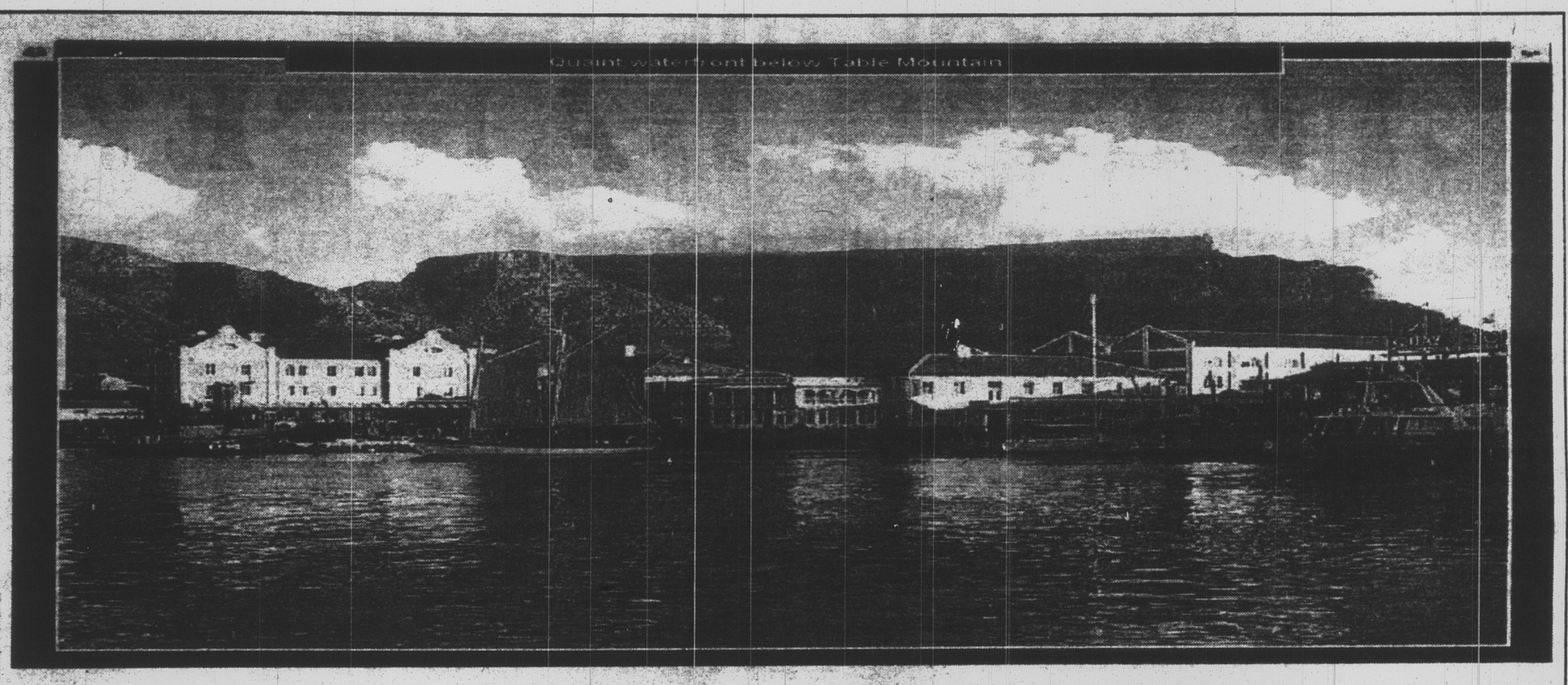
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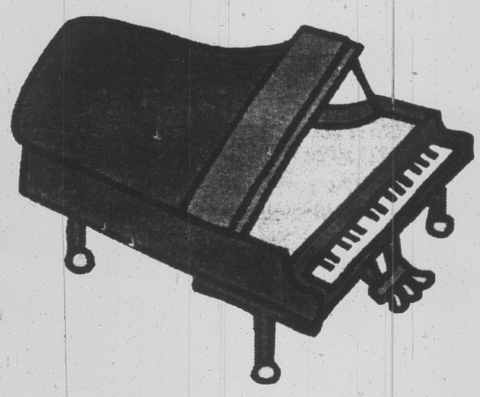

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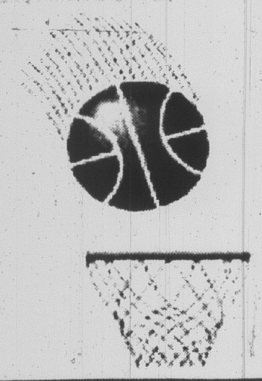

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Rendell sets new funding plan for edcuation through a tax reduction

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) School districts across Pennsylvania are cheered by the prospect of seeing local tax bills shrink under Gov. Ed Rendell's plan to reduce the funding gap between the state's richest and poorest school districts.

In proposals he presented to the Legislature on Tuesday, Rendell said much of the tax relief for school districts would come through a $1.4 billion reduction in local property taxes that would be replaced with state funding.

The average tax reduction would be at least 15 percent in all districts, and at least 30 percent in high-poverty districts.

In Philadelphia, where city schools are trying to reverse low test scores and stabilize shaky finances under a state takeover, relief would come from a 13.5 percent reduction in the wage tax paid by city residents and suburban residents who work there.

Paul Vallas, the district's chief executive officer, said the tax relief proposal, coupled with measures to reduce class sizes in kindergarten through third grade and fund full-day kindergarten and preschool programs, was a ``bold, visionary initiative."

"This means that the initiatives we have been proposing over the past year and in our own budget - expanded early-childhood education, class-size reduction - are going to be sustained in the long term," Vallas said. "It's good news for taxpayers, for children and teachers and families across the state."

The wage tax reduction would mean a replacement of more than $100 million in state money for Philadelphia.

The $1.8 billion budget Vallas has presented to Philadelphia City Council currently includes money for reducing average class sizes in the primary grades from 33 to 22 students, he said. Under Rendell's plan, which sets aside nearly $70 million in early-childhood education funding for Philadelphia in the fiscal year that begins July 1, the district would be able to reduce the average class size to 17 students and use more of its own money to reduce class sizes in grades four through nine, Vallas said.

Without any money from the state, the district would not be able to proceed with plans to expand it from 180 students this year to 1,200 students over the next three years, Superintendent Gerald Kohn said.

"We've had to find other funding sources for the first year of our program because no state monies were available," he said.

Small town mayor hopes new state prison will vitalize struggling town

BROWNSVILLE, Pa. (AP) Mayor Norma Ryan figures this depressed former coal town on the edge of impoverished Appalachia is due for its third boom in as many centuries.

Ryan hopes a new state prison will spur that prosperity when it opens in rural Luzerne Township, about eight miles away, in August. But she and other local Fayette County officials know better than to pin the area's economic hopes on a single industry - again.

"It's our goal to become a more diversified economy," Ryan said. "Our forefathers thought the economy would never again go down when we became a coal town. Well, there's a lot of coal still here, but the demand (for it) is still down."

Rather, Ryan hopes the State Correctional Institution-Fayette will spur major infrastructure improvements - better roads, and expanded water and sewage service. That, it's hoped, will strengthen what is left of the local economy - including a hospital and a barge-building company - and generate traffic to help the borough sell a resource less subject to economic whims: its history.

"It's these two stories of heydays that make Brownsville unique," said Ryan, who hopes to develop small museums, each dedicated to a specific aspect of the town's history, to draw tourists.

Founded in 1727, the borough boomed in the early 1800s as a major steamship and flatboat manufacturer along the Monongahela River. It didn't hurt that The National Road, the first federally funded "highway," went through town.

When the railroad boom of the mid-1850s drew migrating Americans and commerce away, the town went bust. Coal and coke production revived it in the early 1900s, but when that industry withered along with the steel industry it stoked, Brownsville's economy declined again.

The new prison will employ about 800 people - a small fraction of the two previous booms that saw the town's population balloon to as much as 12,000. Few of Brownsville's 2,800 current residents figure to land prison jobs, which will likely be filled mostly by workers at two other state prisons being closed - one in Pittsburgh, 40 miles north, and another about 15 miles away in Waynesburg, Greene County.

Ryan and other local officials hope the prison will gradually spur a housing market for new prison hires or those who tire of commuting from Pittsburgh or Greene County.

—Regional Briefs

Marine returns home early

DOWNINGTOWN, Pa. (AP) A Camp Lejeune Marine who was severely injured in a Humvee crash in southern Iraq could be back in the United States as soon as this weekend, his mother said.

Lance Cpl. Shawn Eshleman, 22, broke his jaw and several bones in his face in the wreck on Saturday. He is recuperating at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany, said his mother, Patti Vilcheck of East Caln Township.

"They had to put metal plating in his face and around his eyes," Vilcheck said. "He was pretty messed up, but I'm really happy he is coming back."

Vilcheck said she didn't know the details of the accident or whether it had occurred during combat. Eshleman serves in the 2nd Marine Division out of the eastern North Carolina Marine base.

Vilcheck said a Marine officer called Sunday to inform her that her son had been injured, and that she had later saw video of him on CNN. She said she was able to speak to her son briefly by telephone Tuesday.

"I told him I loved him," Vilcheck said. "He can't talk, because his jaw is wired shut. But he wrote things down and had someone read them to me."

Secretary of Education elected

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) The state Senate confirmed the appointment of Vicki L. Phillips as Pennsylvania's new secretary of education on Tuesday.

The routine 48-0 vote, which also confirmed the reappointment of state Adjutant General William B. Lynch, came only hours after Gov. Ed Rendell addressed the House and Senate on a $3 billion spending package largely devoted to improving public schools in the state.

Phillips, who was the first Cabinet officer Rendell nominated, has been acting secretary of the Education Department since Rendell took office in January.

Phillips, 44, previously was superintendent of the 11,500-student Lancaster district, where she was credited with improving student test scores, introducing all-day kindergarten and raising $23 million in nonpublic funding to bolster the district's budget.

Before taking the Lancaster job in 1998, she headed two education reform efforts for the Philadelphia School District under Greater Philadelphia First for three years. Prior to that, she served as deputy director of the national Alliance for Restructuring Education in Washington, D.C., served as an assistant to Kentucky's education commissioner and taught middle- and high-school classes in her native Kentucky.

Yellow ribbons return

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Sales are booming for yellow ribbons, as people across the nation are reviving the traditional show of hope for American combat troops' safe return, retailers and manufacturers said Tuesday.

As yellow ribbons began popping up on trees, poles and homes in communities of all sizes, the nation's largest ribbon manufacturer has added shifts to keep up with demand.

"Yellow - by far - is No. 1 right now," said Nancy Schott of Berwick Industries in central Pennsylvania. She said the ribbons are selling six times faster than the No. 2 red-white-and-blue striped variety.

Sales of yellow ribbons have doubled at Paper Mart, a Calfornia-based distributor of paper products and office supplies, said advertising manager John Bechtold. Retailers Kmart and Wal-Mart said they have seen nationwide increases in the demand for yellow ribbon and American flags.

The custom of hanging yellow ribbons was popularized two decades ago during the Iran hostage crisis and took hold during the Persian Gulf War.

"Every tree, every sapling, every light pole have yellow ribbons on them," said James "Jet" Truman Jr., mayor of Valley Center, Kan., whose store ran out of them in short order.

Iams suspended by PETA

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) The Iams Co. said Tuesday it is suspending work with a research laboratory accused by an animal-rights group of mistreating dogs and cats.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals said it found dogs and cats at the laboratory confined to small cages, dogs' vocal cords surgically cut so they couldn't bark, and dogs with untreated ear infections and injured paws.

Iams, the Dayton-based pet-food division of Procter & Gamble, said it is suspending research activities with the lab pending an investigation of the lab's procedures.

Iams, which would not identify the lab, said nutritional studies being conducted for the company at the lab may have violated the company's research policy.

"Our mission is to enhance the well-being of dogs and cats," said Iams President Jeffrey Ansell. "Our standards are high and our policy is clear. We will not tolerate inhumane treatment of animals in our care, including at contract facilities."

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) A federal grand jury indicted seven people accused of supplying cocaine and other drugs to 38 people convicted of dealing drugs in the Zanesville region.

The seven face charges including conspiracy, distributing cocaine or crack cocaine and money laundering, U.S. Attorney Gregory Lockhart announced Tuesday.

Authorities are arranging a court appearance for one suspect, from Kernerville, N.C. A Columbus man was expected to surrender to U.S. Marshals on Tuesday. The rest, all from the Columbus area or Zanesville, are either in custody on other charges or released on bond until trial.

Federal officials and Zanesville police identified the suspects after many of the 42 people indicted on drug trafficking charges in March 2002 pleaded guilty. Of those charged, 38 have received sentences ranging from one year of probation to 20 years in prison.

NATIONAL

Anti-war protests begin to shift from peaceful to more forceful

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) As the war continues in Iraq, anti-war demonstrators have begun shifting tactics from peaceful protest to more direct confrontation.

Tuesday's action in downtown Minneapolis, when at least 67 protesters were arrested outside the federal courthouse, was the second straight day when protesters showed their willingness to be arrested for their cause.

"The Bush administration hasn't been responding to the protests to this point, so we need to increase the movement in opposition to the war, and put our bodies on the line to stop the war," said Jared Cruz, a 33-year-old clerical worker.

Many protesters smiled and cheered as police slapped plastic restraints on their wrists, then escorted them to buses for a trip to jail.

"We're standing in a very long tradition of civil disobedience," said Michael Cavlan, a 43-year-old registered nurse, whose scrubs had "In Honor of Rachel Corrie" written in black marker on the back. She was the 23-year-old American student who died March 16 when a bulldozer driven by an Israeli soldier ran over her as she protested in front of a Palestinian home.

"This is in honor of Rachel and people like her who stand up to brutality," Cavlan said.

About 200 people marched through downtown streets starting about 7 a.m., chanting "Wage peace, not war, hands off Iraq," and holding signs such as "When you fight evil with evil, evil wins." They stopped at the courthouse, where a few dozen blocked entrances, arms locked together. Police said they were content to allow the demonstrators as much time as they needed until a small group blocked the rear parking entrance and loading dock.

"Their protesting should not prohibit people from going to work," said police spokesman Ron Reier. "When they did not heed the warnings to move, they were arrested."

He said the protests and subsequent arrests went "reasonably well." Those arrested were charged with trespassing, a misdemeanor, and later released.

Between 40 and 50 officers were pulled off other assignments to help with the protest, Reier said.

Gov. Tim Pawlenty last week called on anti-war protesters to demonstrate "lawfully and peacefully," saying to do otherwise would be a drain on law enforcement at a critical time. On Tuesday, Public Safety Commissioner Rich Stanek repeated that warning.

"We respect your right to demonstrate," he said. "We respect your right to freedom of speech. On the same token, though, civil disobedience goes a step farther and that is a big drain of law enforcement resources when you have to make tens of arrests."

Stanek said many agencies are at "critical mass" with budget cuts and layoffs looming. "There is a breaking point to those resources."

In all, more than 100 anti-war protesters have been arrested in Minnesota since the war started.

Anti-war protesters said there was a growing sentiment among them that words and marches aren't enough to achieve their goal. That's why they've decided to halt or at least slow down the work of federal employees.

Senate votes against President Bush's proposed $726 billion tax-cut

WASHINGTON (AP) The Senate voted Tuesday to slash President Bush's proposed $726 billion tax-cutting package in half, handing the president a defeat on the foundation of his plan to awaken the nation's slumbering economy.

The vote to shrink the tax reduction to $350 billion through 2013 was a major coup for Democrats. Joined by a handful of moderate Republicans, they have been trying to shoot down the president's proposed tax cuts or make them smaller, arguing they make no sense with an expensive war with Iraq under way and federal deficits expected to soar to new records.

Even as signs have emerged about public concern over the war, polls show Bush continues to have strong support from voters for his performance as president. Even so, Tuesday's vote underlined that his popularity has not cowed Democratic rivals from challenging his domestic policies.

The Senate's 51-48 vote came the same day Bush formally asked Congress to rush him $74.7 billion to pay for the initial costs of the Iraqi war and other expenses of the U.S. war against terrorism.

Members of both parties said they expect the price tag of Bush's war package to grow by billions before congressional approval. With the war spending likely to push this year's federal deficit toward $400 billion or beyond, Democrats and moderate Republicans were emboldened to push their amendment to make the tax cut smaller.

"What you're seeing is more concern than there was last week" about the war's costs, said Sen. John Breaux, D-La., a sponsor of the drive to reduce Bush's tax cut.

Last Friday, the Senate rejected a similar effort to slice Bush's tax plan to $350 billion. That measure had proposed using the difference to reduce the deficit, while Tuesday's proposal would use the money to buttress Social Security or for deficit reduction.

There is no program for overhauling Social Security, which faces huge fiscal problems with the approaching retirement of baby boomers. But there is a huge political imperative to be seen as voting to strengthen the program.

The pivotal vote was cast by Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., a deficit hawk who opposed last week's effort to reduce the tax cut. He said he voted 'yes' Tuesday because the effort could help Social Security.

Sens. Olympia Snowe of Maine, George Voinovich of Ohio and Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island were the only Republicans to join all voting Democrats to reduce the tax cut. Missing the vote was Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia, the only Democrat to support Bush's entire tax package.

Bush's tax plan would eliminate levies individuals pay on corporate dividends and accelerate already enacted income-tax cuts. Democrats say it is a boon to the rich, while Republicans say it would increase business investment and create jobs.

"It would cut the growth out of the growth package," Senate Budget Committee Chairman Don Nickles, R-Okla., said of the effort to slash the tax cut.

National Briefs

Man arrested for son's death

EL RENO, Okla. (AP) The father of a 2-year-old whose autopsy showed skull fractures, a torn intestine and a broken rib has been arrested on a first-degree murder complaint.

Norman K. Tartsah Jr., 18, of Watonga was arrested by Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation agents Monday - nearly a week after taking his son to an El Reno hospital emergency room. Tartsah told medical personnel on March 18 that his son, Elijah Silverhorn, wasn't breathing.

The boy died soon after.

Tartsah admitted in an interview with investigators that he struck the boy, a court official said. He first said the toddler had slipped while going up the stairs.

Tartsah told police the boy had been in his custody for about six months. He said the boy's mother, Joy Silverhorn, left him and he hasn't heard from her since.

Trapped animals starve

CADY, Wis. (AP) More than 100 sheep and cattle apparently starved to death on a farm in western Wisconsin, authorities said Tuesday.

The St. Croix County Sheriff's Department received an anonymous call Monday about the farm, and deputies found the animals piled in a pasture and shed.

"It appears that some got stuck in the mud and didn't have the strength to move from where they had gotten stuck," Sheriff Dennis Hillstead said.

The department plans to turn over findings of its investigation to the district attorney Wednesday and recommend animal neglect charges, he said. No arrests had been made.

About 200 sheep and 80 cows were still alive. The sheriff said the farm owner complied with an order to get feed for the remaining livestock.

Rabbi sentences to 20 years

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) A rabbi pleaded guilty Tuesday to charges that he groped two female employees of a religious school and two girls who attended classes.

Richard Marcovitz, 66, agreed to a 20-year sentence, five of which must be served in prison, said Oklahoma County prosecutor Steve Deutsch. Marcovitz's prison time can be reduced if he successfully completes a sex offender program.

The rabbi faced five counts of indecent or lewd acts with two girls, ages 12 and 9. Six counts of sexual battery were filed against Marcovitz in connection with allegations of inappropriately touching a teacher and a daycare worker who was 17 at the time.

Jury selection for the rabbi's trial had been scheduled to begin Tuesday.

Marcovitz has been on paid leave from Emanuel Synagogue. The incidents occurred between August 2000 and May 2001 at the Solomon Schechter Academy, also called the Oklahoma City Jewish Day School. The school was based at the synagogue, but is no longer in operation.

Swimmer swept out to sea

PRINCEVILLE, Hawaii (AP) A California man died Tuesday after being pulled into the ocean by a huge wave at Queen's Bath on Kauai's North Shore, county officials said.

Robert Engelmore, 68, of Menlo Park, Calif., was at the beach with about eight other people when a wave as large as 10 feet crashed to shore, pulling him into the ocean, officials said.

Lifeguards used Jet Skis to retrieve Engelmore about 100 yards off shore. He was pronounced dead after being brought to shore.

An autopsy will be done to determine the cause of death.

There were no other people swept out to sea Tuesday, however some people at Queen's Bath had to be treated for abrasions, officials said.

Anti-war protestors arrested

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) Fourteen people, including two juveniles, were arrested Tuesday as anti-war protests unfolded in downtown Portland, police said.

About 150 protesters marched to City Hall, where they blocked entrances and continued demonstrations that began with the war in Iraq nearly a week ago.

Sgt. Brian Schmautz, spokesman for the Portland police, said the arrests were all misdeamenors for traffic infractions or disorderly conduct.

The protesters were jeered from at least one passing car, whose driver stuck his head out the window and yelled "Go home!"

Dozens of police on motorcycle, bicycle and foot monitored the protest.

Protester Pedro Ferbel-Azcarate, 36, a professor at Portland State University, said his belief that the war is wrong was reinforced by the first reports that Oregon soldiers have been among the casualties in Iraq.

"I think the war is illegal and immoral, and it is my duty as an American citizen to protest," he said.

Portland has seen several small protests since thousands gathered in the city Thursday night after hostilities began, blocking bridges and briefly closing Interstates 84 and 5.

SPORTS

Senior swimmer competes nationally

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

Senior swimmer Jim Mann enjoyed a successful weekend of competition at the 2003 NCAA Division III Men's Swimming and Diving National Championships at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

Mann earned a 19th place finish in the 100-meter backstroke, a 23rd place finish in the 200 meter backstroke, and a 38th place finish in the 200-meter individual medley.

"I just went out there and did what I could," Mann said. "I was a little frustrated though because I did better as a sophomore when we competed at the Division II level."

In the 100-meter backstroke, Mann finished with a time of 52:52. In the 200-meter backstroke, Mann posted a time of 1:55:91. In the 200-meter individual medley, Mann swam a time of 1:59:14.

The NCAA Division III Championships marked the end of a great senior season for Mann. In the 2002-2003 season, Mann led the Titans to win its first ever PAC title. For his efforts, Mann was named the 2002-2003 PAC Most Valuable Performer.

Mann, along with seniors Craig Guthoerl and Seth Bontrager and freshman Nate Horrell, was a member of the 200 medley relay team that captured a 12th place finish at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Open Championships hosted by the University of Pittsburgh.

During the season, Mann was one of three Titan men's swimmers to earn PAC Men's Swimmer of the Week. Mann was honored the week of November 26, while Bontrager was recognized the week of November 11. For the week ending on February 9, Guthoerl not only earned PAC laurels, but also was named the National D-III Men's Swimmer of the Week by collegeswimming.com.

As a senior, Mann is done competing. However, he hopes to share his knowledge of swimming and perhaps coach someday.

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Countdown to opening day of baseball

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

It's that time of year again, when the cold weather goes away and the boys of summer put on their spikes in hopes of a better season to come. Opening Day 2003 is only 2 days away. Spring training gives every team an idea of what's going to be expected and/or possible in the upcoming season. But the training is over now, and soon the real games will start to count. Here's a look at the six divisions, and how I think each team will finish.

A.L. East

Once again, the Bronx Bombers will be the favorite in this division. They had a very busy off season which included the signing of Japanese sensation Hideki Matsui who will likely start in the outfield on opening day. Although the Yankees didn't get stud-pitcher Bartolo Colon, they did make sure that the Red Sox didn't get him either. The biggest concern for the Yankees this season will be whether or not the off-the-field controversy will affect anyone on the playing field. George Steinbrenner questioned his franchise players' work ethic, which is completely absurd. Look for Derek Jeter to bounce back nicely this season, and Alfonso Soriano will have 40-40 season this year; mark it down. The Red Sox will once again finish behind the Yankees, but don't be surprised if Boston is leading the division late in the year. Pedro Martinez's health will be key for Boston's success. If he can stay healthy all year, then Boston should compete for the wild card. Toronto and Baltimore will stay competitive for a while, but they can't keep up with New York in this division. The big story will be how Lou Pinella does with the D-Rays this year. Tampa Bay will do better than 55 wins from a year ago, but don't expect much more.

Predicted Order of Finish: New York, Boston, Toronto, Baltimore, Tampa Bay

A.L. Central

It's the Chicago, Minnesota race this year. Each of these teams has a legitimate shot at winning the division. The Twins started horribly last year and can't afford to do the same this season. The White Sox are much too powerful and won't allow the Twins to creep back into the race like they did last year. Minnesota had a quiet off-season and has the same nucleus back from last year's division champs. The key this year will be starting pitching. Injuries hurt the Twins last year, so health is going to be an issue. Chicago, on the other hand, had a great off-season. The White Sox acquired one of the best starters and relief pitchers in baseball. It's going to be an exciting race between these two teams. The Indians added a couple of new faces, but no one nearly good enough to replace Jim Thome. It will be a long year for Cleveland, Detroit and Kansas City.

Predicted Order of Finish: Chicago, Minnesota, Cleveland, Kansas City, Detroit

A.L. West

The West division has three teams that all deserve to go to the playoffs. Unfortunately, only one of them can win the division. Just like last year, the race for the division crown will more than likely come down to the last week of the season. Anaheim came out of nowhere last year and won the World Series. The big question is whether or not they can do it again. Basically, the Angels have their entire World Series team back. I'm not feeling the magic this year, though. Oakland will always be competitive as long as they have the "big 3" of Mulder, Hudson and Zito in their rotation. Seattle will be back, and look for them to have another huge season. They have a very experienced pitching staff, and I think they can win 100 games this year. The Texas Rangers will improve a lot with new coach, Buck Showalter, but there's too much firepower in this division. They're looking at another last place finish.

Projected Order of Finish: Seattle, Oakland, Anaheim, Texas

N.L. East

The Atlanta Braves lost Tom Glavine and Kevin Millwood, but made up for it by getting pitchers Mike Hampton, Paul Byrd and Russ Ortiz. Don't think that the Braves are going to have a down year because they lost two of their four aces. Their entire starting lineup is back, and the Braves won't give up their division crown that easily. The two teams with the busiest off seasons were the Philadelphia Phillies and the New York Mets. The Phillies acquired sluggers Jim Thome and Kevin Millwood while the Mets grabbed Cliff Floyd, Tom Glavine and Mike Stanton. Both of these teams will challenge Atlanta for the division. I'm very confident that the Wild Card winner will come out of this division, too. The Mets will likely be the biggest threat. All of New York's 2001 free agent signees played terribly in their first seasons as Mets. With the talent they have, the Mets can't do worse than last year. As for the Marlins and Expos: wait till next year.

Projected Order of Finish: Atlanta, New York, Philadelphia, Montreal, Florida

N.L. Central

The Houston Astros signed 2B Jeff Kent from San Francisco this off-season. Jeff Bagwell, Lance Berkman and Jeff Kent now make up the heart of the Astros order. Not too bad. Houston has a couple of great young arms in Roy Oswalt and Wade Miller. The Astros are ready for a division title and could make some noise in the playoffs. St. Louis will be the biggest competition. The Cardinal lineup is loaded, too, and they added some depth to their bullpen. The Astros and Cardinals will meet six times in the first two weeks of the season, so we'll get an early look at how these two contenders match up against each other. The hometown favorites will more than likely have another long year. Pittsburgh started off great last year, and will need to do the same if they have any hopes of a division crown. The Pirates made a lot of nice acquisitions: Matt Stairs, Kenny Lofton. They will be a much better offensive club than last year. Ultimately, the pitching will end up killing them again, but a fourth place finish isn't out of the question. Dusty Baker will lead Chicago to more victories this season, and Cincinnati will improve, too. However, it's very likely that neither team will be in the playoff hunt come September. The Brewers have a lot of young talent, and hopefully they'll be better than last year's 56 win total.

Predicted Order of Finish: Houston, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Milwaukee

N.L. West

This division is wide open. San Francisco and Arizona will be the contenders, but any of the five teams could emerge and win the division. The two aces are back for Arizona, and the addition of Elmer Dessens from Cincinnati will only bolster the rotation. Luis Gonzalez is due for another big year, similar to his 57-homerun 2001 campaign. The D-Backs will certainly be in the mix come September. Barry Bonds is still the most feared player in the game, and he will likely have another 40 plus homerun season. The big question is who will replace the departed Jeff Kent in the middle of the order. Someone will need to protect Bonds if the Giants figure to have any shot at the division. The pitching is solid, but a second offensive threat will need to emerge. San Diego, Colorado and Los Angles will most likely finish in the bottom half of the division, but each of those clubs has new faces and new potential. This division race will be fun to watch.

Predicted Order of Finish: Arizona, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Colorado, San Diego

There you have it. It should be an exciting season of baseball. A lot of players are in new places and that's not always a good thing. We will probably see a couple new teams in the playoffs this year, so be sure to check in next September to see if I'm right.

INTERNATIONAL

North Korea cuts off its only regular military contact amid weapons tension

PANMUNJOM, South Korea (AP) North Korea on Wednesday cut off the only regular military contact with the U.S.-led U.N. Command that monitors the Korean War armistice, accusing the United States of trying to attack the communist state.

The move will further isolate the North amid heightened tension over its suspected nuclear weapons programs.

South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun on Wednesday dismissed as "groundless" allegations by the North that U.S. forces may attack and spark a "second Iraqi crisis" on the Korean Peninsula. Pyongyang said Tuesday it would boost its defenses amid such fears.

"There will be no war on the Korean Peninsula as long as we do not want a war," Roh was quoted as saying by his office, adding that Washington has repeatedly pledged to resolve the crisis peacefully.

In a telephone message to the Command, the North's Korea People's Army said it will no longer send its delegates to the liaison-officers' meeting at the inter-Korean border village of Panmunjom.

"It is meaningless to sit together with the U.S. forces side to discuss any issue as long as it remains arrogant," the North's official news agency KCNA quoted the North Korean message as saying.

The U.N. Command, which has monitored the armistice since the end of the 1950-53 war, had no immediate comment. Without a peace treaty, the Korean Peninsula is still technically at a state of war.

U.S. officials representing the U.N. Command have met North Korean officers at Panmunjom almost weekly since the end of the war.

Meanwhile in the North's capital, Pyongyang, lawmakers from across the country convened the country's rubber-stamp parliament.

The 687-member Supreme People's Assembly usually meets once or twice a year to approve a new budget and discuss policies for the year ahead.

North Korea's Central Radio reported that the parliamentary session opened with deputies paying tribute to the statues of leader Kim Jong Il and his father, late President Kim Il Sung, vowing to remain loyal to the totalitarian regime.

In Japan, space agency officials were preparing to launch their first spy satellite into orbit on Friday. North Korea has condemned the move, prompting fears it may retaliate and test-fire a long-range missile.

North Korea accuses Washington of inciting a dispute over its alleged programs to develop nuclear weapons to create an excuse for invasion. U.S. President George W. Bush has branded the North part of an ``axis of evil'' with Iraq and Iran.

Washington says it seeks a diplomatic solution to the crisis _ but Bush has said that if diplomacy fails a military solution may be considered.

Television coverage of the war proves to be too much for some viewers

LONDON (AP) Laura Wade didn't want to look, but couldn't turn away.

Heavily armed Iraqi soldiers and civilians were roaming the banks of Baghdad's Tigris River, searching for coalition fighter pilots who reportedly had been shot down.

The war had come into her home, to one television set among millions around the globe following the course of the conflict.

"It really shocked me," Wade, 38, a marketing manager in London, said of the search for the downed pilots - whose existence turned out to be only a rumor.

"The Iraqis were firing their guns right into the water and the tall reeds on the riverbank. If those pilots were found, they were going to be shot and ripped up. I didn't want to watch that. I don't even support this war. But I couldn't stop looking," she said.

In Lahore, Pakistan, the television has been on continuously in Naeem Ahmed Sheik's two-bedroom home, though he worries: "This is affecting us badly. Would it not damage us psychologically?

"I saw the television images of war in my dreams one night," said Sheikh, 30, who calls Iraqis his brothers. "There was blood everywhere. People were crying in pain and shouting for help."

His nephew, 8-year-old Osama bin Saeed, can't get enough. "I watch the maximum of the war coverage," the boy said as he watched a firefight. "It makes me want to go to the battlefield to fight for the Iraqis."

For the first three days of the conflict, television showed U.S. tanks plowing effortlessly through Iraq's deserts.

But then the hundreds of journalists "embedded" with coalition troops - many equipped with hand-held video cameras and compact satellite dishes - also began to produce disturbing videos on news channels such as CNN and the BBC.

There were scenes of injured allied fighters on stretchers near An Nasiriyah, wounded children being treated in ill-equipped Baghdad hospitals, and a burning and screaming British fighter racing from close combat with Iraqi forces.

That was especially true when Iraqi TV showed footage of dead U.S. soldiers and American prisoners of war, some of them wounded - images widely shown in many countries.

In the Palestinian West Bank, the Stones Restaurant down the street from Yasser Arafat's shattered compound has drawn crowds with its big screen television. On Monday night, more than 70 Palestinians crammed the restaurant, smoking water pipes as the day's action unfolded on al-Jazeera, the Arabic satellite news channel.

As images came across the screen of Baghdad being bombed again, many sat open mouthed, but expressions hardened when the American POWs were interviewed.

"The captured American soldiers ... show the balance of power," said Muhaned al-Almi, 25, a Palestinian marketer. "The Americans are bringing suffering to themselves because they started the war. The Iraqi people are the victims here."

International Briefs

Austrailians protest heavily

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) Hundreds of protesters burned American flags, set off firecrackers and chanted "No war!" in a noisy demonstration Wednesday close to the U.S. Consulate in downtown Sydney.

Dozens of police monitored the crowd, which appeared to be made up mostly of students, but could not prevent some from streaming across one of the city's busiest streets, holding up traffic.

A separate group of students from Sydney University also staged a protest nearby.

The students chanted "One, two, three, four, we don't want your racist war" and were planning to meet other students and rally outside Sydney's Town Hall.

Other protests were planned for major towns and cities across Australia, and police warned some might turn violent.

The Australian government's decision to send 2,000 troops to fight with coalition forces in Iraq has sparked mass demonstrations in recent weeks, with hundreds of thousands of people taking to the streets on one weekend earlier this month. All the protests so far have been peaceful.

However, in recent days the numbers of protesters have dropped and opinion polls show support for the war growing.

In February, 75 percent of voters were against a strike on Iraq without United Nations backing. A poll released Tuesday showed 50 percent of voters now support the war.

At a military briefing Wednesday, Australia's military said none of its forces in Iraq and the Persian Gulf had suffered casualties.

Coal mine explosion

BEIJING (AP) Rescuers have found 60 bodies of miners killed in a weekend explosion at a coal mine in northern China, and 12 others are missing, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

Four miners have been rescued from the mine in Xiaoyi, a city in Shanxi province, Xinhua said late Tuesday. It did not say whether there was any indication the missing miners were still alive.

More than 100 rescuers have been working around the clock searching the mine, Xinhua said. On Wednesday, team members dressed in orange jumpsuits were shown on state television news carrying respirators and preparing to descend into the mine.

China's coal mines are the world's deadliest, with more than 5,000 deaths reported last year in fires, explosions and flooding.

The gas explosion Saturday in the Mengnanzhuang mine was the third accident this month to kill more than 10 miners in Shanxi, a major coal-producing region, Xinhua said.

Authorities have ordered all of the province's coal mines to close for safety checks, the report said.

42 people killed in drug bust

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) Police said Tuesday they shot and killed 42 people during a seven-week-old crackdown on drugs that has drawn protest from human rights groups.

Since the campaign began, police have arrested more than 42,000 drug suspects and seized 12 million amphetamine pills and assets worth more than $12 million, said police spokesman Maj. Gen. Pongsaphat Pongcharoen.

Among those arrested were nearly 400 drug makers and more than 12,000 dealers, Pongsaphat said. The rest were drug users or couriers.

Six police officers were killed and 15 injured during the crackdown, Pongcharoen said.

Human rights groups and the United Nations have expressed concern that many of the killings may have been summary executions carried out by the authorities.

Pongsaphat said cases in which a suspect was killed would be investigated and officers would be punished if found guilty of shooting a suspect while not facing mortal danger.

Drug agencies estimate that more than 1 billion amphetamine pills are smuggled into Thailand each year and that more than 3 million Thais are addicted to the pills.

Terrorist suspects detained

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) Authorities detained several alleged Islamic extremists Tuesday on suspicions that they were planning bombing attacks in Germany, prosecutors said.

The move came as federal and local police searched two buildings in the northwestern city of Aachen after receiving "concrete evidence" of plans for such attacks, federal prosecutors said in a statement.

Several suspects were being questioned to determine if prosecutors will bring charges against them. The statement did not say exactly how many people were being held.

"They are suspected of forming a terrorist organization and planning bomb attacks in Germany for international networks of Islamic extremists," the statement said.

Police confiscated material indicating the suspects' connection to international networks of "Islamic fundamentalists," as well as evidence as relations among group members and indications of possible targets, the statement said.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

Why do people feel the need to steal all of my sweatshirts?

Yins rock everything in Westminnie.

People didn't have clothes before Socrates. Also, milk is bad for you.

Cheetah cow!

Apples stick in fence.

Not enough people dance because they're alive.

Smokey? Luv ya.

What's up with the guys on this campus? Are there no normal ones?

Is everyone on this campus Anti-Bush?!?

Let's look at the big picture...Santa Claus and Beef!

If I could be a superhero I'd be Captain Spaghettios!

Hey guys, guess what? Its spring! Woo! Go spring!

I saw a cardinal singing in a budding tree this morning. I don't think I'll wear my coat today.

"An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind."

We support our troops. Come home safely.

Po-ta-to?

Folk Dance is the best class...EVER!

86% of all statistics are made up on the spot.

I passed up a concert to go to class. I'm such a nerd.

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Our View: It's Spring!

People are shedding their clothes and trying their hardest to ignore the last bits of winter clinging to the evenings. The weather is clearing, spring is here, and the days are beautiful. Ultimate Frisbee, touch football, shorts, tank tops, and "Can we have class outside?"

This is when you are told to go out and enjoy the day, enjoy the weather, and enjoy your life. Smell the roses and all that. Be thankful that you are alive and are here to enjoy the cool breeze that blows through the opened windows.

Birds sing in trees. Lawn mowers wake up late sleepers. The ground is green again. Spirits are lifting in spite of impending doom—final week. The semester begins its slow spiral toward summer. Projects are being assigned, but despite it all, students and professors alike walk a bit lighter.

Weather reports are saying rain now, not snow. The cold death of winter is being shrugged off and forgotten. The air smells fresh and new, and people don't mind waiting to be let in after 7 o'clock. Soon robins will begin building nests and laying eggs.

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Volley Rock, sandals, sunscreen, and summer jobs, beaches and family. The things of summer vacation are just around the corner.

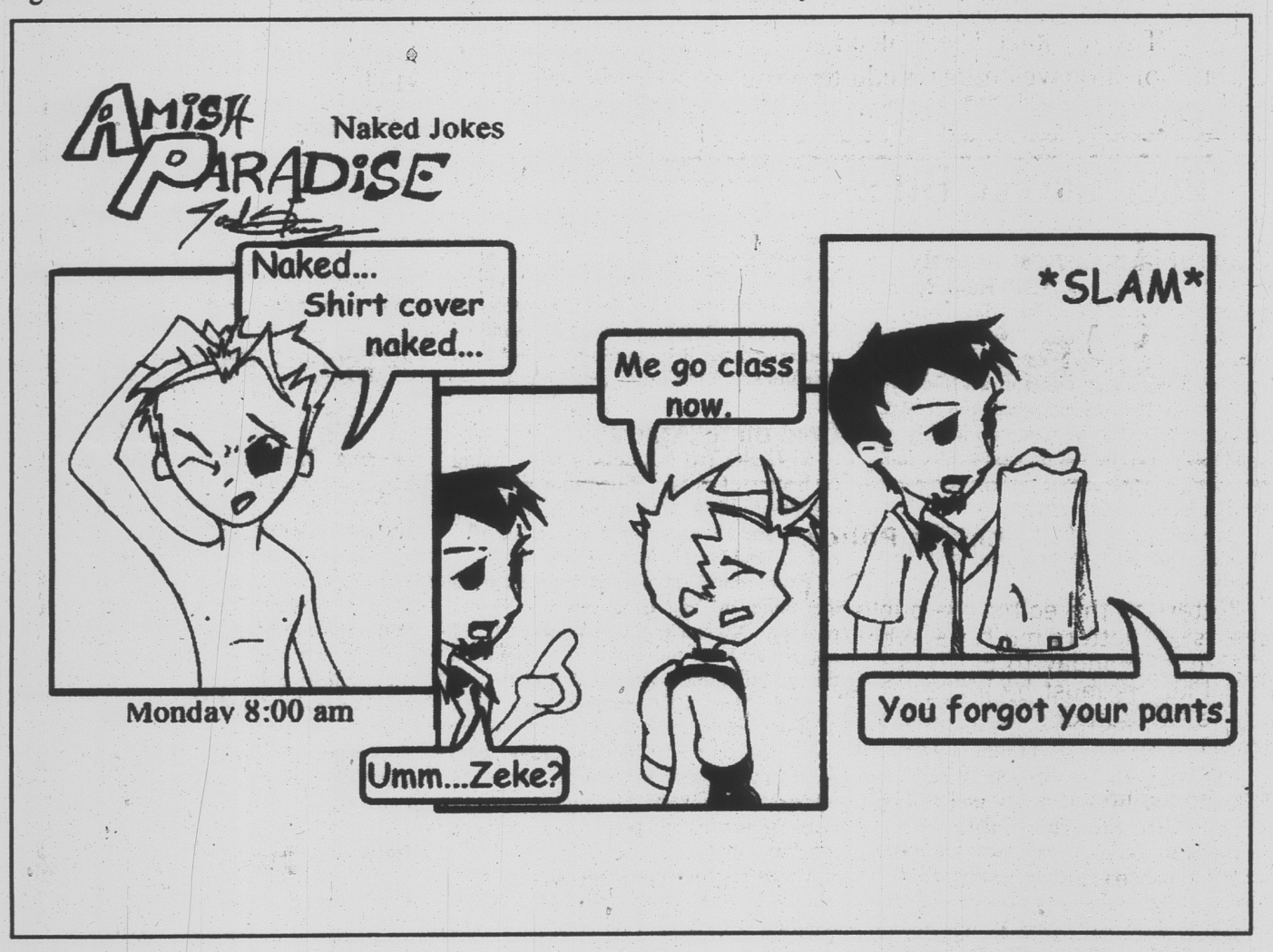
It is becoming easier and easier to forget about finals and other worries. Nice days tend to do that to people. Stress gets pushed aside for spring fever and summer fun. Storm clouds loom on the horizon, but right now the days are beautiful and the birds are singing. Why worry about tomorrow? Why worry about someplace else?

It seems ironic that our spring is arriving during days of tulmult and catastrophe.

Do not feel bad about ignoring the bad and focusing on the plesant. You can do that. We can all forget about the bad.

Distractions can keep you sane. But remember to come back to the real eventually. One cannot live life focusing only on the bright and shiny. Rose colored glasses went out of style a long time ago.

But remember to release the pressure or you may boil over. Balance is key during these times.



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Dear Editor,

I have recently been saddened by the apparent miss-use of the Amish Paradise comic section of the Holcad. I under stand that it appears in the opinion section of the Holcad and as such it is understood that the contents of Amish Paradise would be of opinion in nature, but since the beginning of the school year I have been under the impression that Amish Paradise was intended to be a fun comic, not a political cartoon. If Amish Paradise is a political cartoon that's fine, but let's sees some opinions from the opposite side of the political spectrum because, lets face it, it is decidedly a liberal view of the artist. If you don't believe me lets look at two examples that state my case 1) A cartoon asking "Where are you going to be on Saturday?", this was in reference to the "Strom the Castle" war protest and 2) from last weeks edition, a picture of an eight ball labeled "Bush's Advisory Board".

I am a staunch advocate of free speech, I believe that all of the protest we are seeing is a triumph of democracy. But we also must balance the views we put forth, if you show a liberal cartoon, stick a conservative one with it. Or drop political cartoons all together and make Amish Paradise something that takes our minds off the horror of everyday life. Make it funny again! Not offensive to people just because they support this war or because they support the President. All I ask is that we clear up the purpose of the Amish Paradise cartoon, is it for entertainment or to express an opinion? If it's for entertainment, get back to entertaining. If it's to express opinions, express other opinions than the decidedly liberal view that has been present in the last 2 months.

BJ Sieg

Dear Editor,

I'm writing because I'm frustrated with the underlying assumption that exists implying that opinions on this war can only fall on one side of the line or the other. I'm 19 years old, a sophomore in college, and I am not sure what I feel about the situation in Iraq. I'm thinking and I'm questioning and I want to make sure that no one is dying for unjust reasons. I don't support Saddam Hussein, neither do I hate President Bush, so please don't call me un-American but please don't also force me to be an anarchist. I'm not sure that we should be at war, but doesn't mean I don't care about my fellow brothers and sisters who are over there fighting. It's precisely because I care about them that I am questioning, that I am not automatically accepting that this war is the best solution.

But enough about me. It's time to talk about all of us. I've heard a lot of misinterpretations of what I've been saying, so I'm guessing that everyone who is speaking out (whether they be pro or anti war) is feeling somewhat misrepresented by the interpretations of their listeners. Obviously both sides of this issue are failing to understand the other. Therefore, let's pursue this with the best tools we can learn here at college: education, constant questioning, listening and discussing.

These causes we explore and possibly fight for should be causes that are ingrained upon our hearts. This is not about us wanting something, anything to give us significance. We should not fight for our causes because we are desperate for anything to care about. Let's examine our motives and then pursue this knowledge with the best that is in us. Any other way we go about looking at this will ultimately otherwise be in vain. We may be in college and we may not be soldiers and we may not be protestors, but we are human beings and we are therefore called to give such situations that affect our fellow human beings our utmost attention. So let us stop taking sides and instead, with our humanity in mind, take up knowledge that will help us to understand as best we can just what is going on.

Sandra Edmiston

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

Bringing Down the House and Dreamcatcher

Bringing Down the House
by Jimm Needle

For the past three weeks, the box office has been dominated by the Steve Martin comedy: Bringing Down the House. I ask myself "Is this movie actually this good or is there nothing better out there?" In my opinion there really isn't anything better out there. However, Bringing Down the House isn't a bad way to spend your time and money either.

The premise of the movie is that Steve Martin's character thinks he is setting up a date with an Internet hottie, but it turns out much differently than he anticipates. He expects to meet a middle aged white women to sweep him off his feet but what he gets is a thirty-year-old African American convict, played by Queen Latifah, who physically knocks him off his feet.

Following their unique meeting, Steve Martin's character is unwillingly convinced by Latifah's character to allow her to become a houseguest in Martin's home. From this set up comes the conflict in which Martin, who plays a lawyer, is forced into helping Latifah get out of trouble in return for her services as a nanny for his children.

Throughout the film, Latifah places Martin's character into situations that could be detrimental to his career. . .one example of which is a California gangsta style pool party held at Martin's home with at least one hundred of Queen Latifah's closest friends. Of course Martin's kids fall in love with Latifah and Martin also has feelings for her. When trouble comes knocking for Latifah, her newly adopted family comes to the rescue.

This film is basically a fish out of water story in which the main character is fresh out of water in his own household. This twist is really what makes the comedy work. This film reminded me a lot of the Sinbad film Houseguest. The only difference between the two films is the gender of the guest and the occupation of the home owner. Even though this film is not original and is almost a carbon copy of several other comedies, I recommend it because it doesn't take itself too seriously and with what has been going on in the world lately, maybe people just need to sit back, relax, and enjoy some dorky guy getting put in humorous situations.

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by Jimm Needle

Last weekend at the box office yet another Stephen King book was released as a feature length film: Dreamcatcher. This adaptation of King's book focuses on a group of men who were given special powers as children, powers with which they will attempt to save the planet from nasty alien thugs.

Stephen King novel adaptations seem to be hit or miss. This adaptation is a big miss. The two big name stars in the film are Jason Lee and Morgan Freeman: however Jason Lee gets killed early in the film and Morgan Freeman loses his mind.

Not only does the film waste the stars' talent, but halfway through the film, the story line fizzles and dies. Until the halfway point, the film did have potential. There were moments when I was getting nervous in my seat actually feeling that something scary was about to happen. But at the mid point of the film, it just went sour.

This high budget potential blockbuster slipped to B-movie material. It was bad enough that the transitions between scenes became choppy due to bad acting and writing, but the director decided to use wipe transition to point out that the film was going NOWHERE.

The only reason a person would have to see this film would be to see the new Matrix animated film which premiered following the credits. Unfortunately for me, I must have seen this film at one of the worst theatres in Pennsylvania because the Matrix short film had not been connected to the film. For me there was no reason to see Dreamcatcher due to this oversight.

"And the winner is...": The 75th annual Academy Awards show in review

by Jillian Jordan
Staff Writer

Last Sunday, millions of film fans tuned in to the 75th annual Academy Awards, whose nominees I discussed some time ago. After careful consideration of the Academy, the winners were announced, some much to the surprise of audience and viewers worldwide.

Winners for Actor/Actress in a Leading Role and Actor/Actress in a Supporting Role represented four different movies, giving the variety of acting talents an equal opportunity in this sect of the competition.

Adrien Brody, lead role in The Pianist, seemed shocked to have won over film greats such as Jack Nicholson and Nicolas Cage. Chris Cooper made an emotional acceptance speech for his supporting role in Adaptation. Nicole Kidman looked out into the audience and thanked her mother and daughter when she won for her leading role in The Hours. Catherine Zeta-Jones made reference to her Academy award for her supporting performance in Chicago as a second recent miracle, smiling down at her husband while all gazed upon her extremely pregnant stomach.

Lord of The Rings: The Two Towers received the Visual Effects Oscar along with Sound Editing. Perhaps it was this film's artistic perfections that allowed it to capture audiences across varied genres.

The Pianist is a film that I have yet to see, but it seems that many enjoyed the characters, the acting and the directing. It took home the Directing Oscar along with the Adapted Screenplay Oscar. It seems to be harder to base a successful movie off of a book, in this case by Wladyslaw Szpilman, but Roman Polanski pulled it off this time.

Chicago was the big winner of the night, taking home Oscars for Best Picture, Actress in a Supporting Role, Art Direction, Costume Design, Film Editing, and Sound. The buzz from "All That Jazz" is still ringing in my head from almost a week ago.

One of the moments of the night that sticks out the most in my memory is the segment where the show went through the Academy Award Photo Album. Winners from as far back as the late 1930s to the present sat on stage together, as film's fantastics.Although many of Hollywood's best have made it to the list, few were winners of more than one. I believe that Jack Nicholson held the most Oscars, with a total of three.

Many of those up for Best Music Song performed during the night's show, except for the winner. Much to the surprise of practically everyone watching, Eminem won the Oscar for his song, "Lose Yourself" from the 8 Mile soundtrack. His Oscar proves that millions of Americans, including those of the Academy, have gotten lost in his dream and his music right along with him.

Zwan in Cleveland: The Smashing Pumpkins performing on several anti-depressants

by Jimm Needle
Staff Writer

After the Smashing Pumpkins secretively released their final album, Machina II, which could only be downloaded from the Internet, I was afraid I would never again witness lead singer Billy Corgan whining out lyrics in the way that only he can.

Just mere months after Corgan announced his retirement, he began playing club gigs with his new band Zwan. For those who aren't aware, Zwan is basically the Smashing Pumpkins operating on several anti-depressants.

The Smashing Pumpkins reached a point in their music career where Corgan was producing music almost mechanically, lacking the emotional intensity he once poured into his music. Now Corgan is back and his voice seems to flow with a renewed yearning for his rock music.

Fortunately for me, I was able to attend a concert showcasing this restored musical passion on Monday, March 24. Zwan appeared at the Agora Theatre in Cleveland.

Their set began with the title track from their debut album, "Mary Star of the Sea." The album version of the song runs approximately six minutes long, but Zwan rocked it out in concert for over 12 minutes.

From there, Zwan dished out almost every song on their album and even snuck in a cover of the Beatles song "Don't Let Me Down". The Agora theatre is a rather small venue, which made the performance even more kick-butt.

I have seen Billy Corgan live several times when he was with the Pumpkins, but this show topped all the rest because Corgan appeared to be actually enjoying himself.

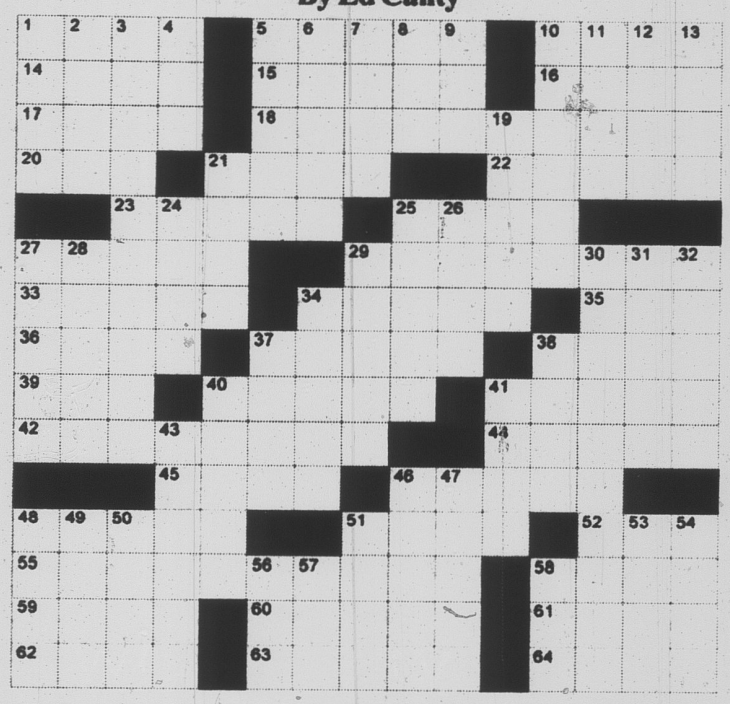
The only complaint I had with the show was the rest of the audience who attended that evening. I almost found the need to call in EMS before and after each song to make sure the primarily 30-35 year old crowd still had a pulse. I don't understand how Zwan can be on stage rockin' hardcore, and the guy in front of me is practically taking a nap.

Westminster Student Aly Karg also attended the show with me. To quote one of Zwan's song titles, after the show she stated, "Let's Rock!"

If you don't already own Zwan's "Mary Star of the Sea," next time you're out and feel the overwhelming urge to purchase some of that garbage by rap-artist Fifty-Cent, roll up that Wal-Mart flyer you have in your hand and whack yourself in the head with it. Do yourself a favor and get the Zwan album instead.

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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38 Sicily's Mount
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32 Stock certificate
34 Jet black
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38 Repeat
40 Riyadh resident
41 Legislative outputs
43 Auf wiedersehen
46 Switzerland VIP place
47 Useful item
48 Garfunkel and others
49 Attentive treatment
50 Ski resort sight
51 Much used street name
53 Stick in the fridge
54 Spread
56 Shaver
57 First mate
58 Gov't lab tester

Quotable Quote

It is difficult to produce a television documentary that is both incisive and probing when every twelve minutes one is interrupted by twelve dancing rabbits singing about toilet paper.

• • • *Rod Serling*

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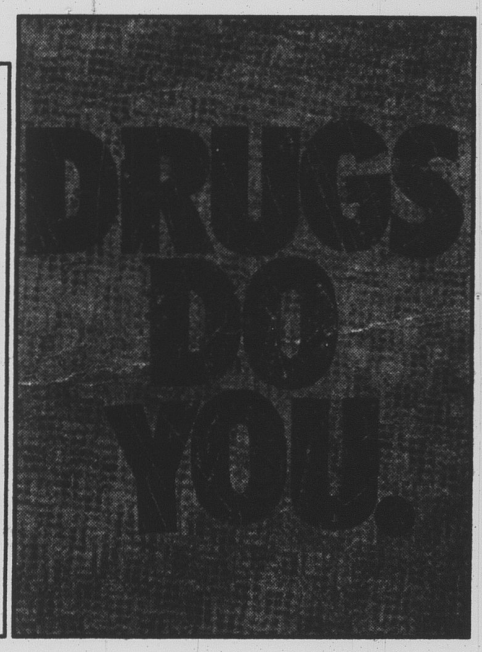

HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
It's time to consider the difference between balance and basic stagnation... and to take note of just what state you are really in. You tend to be quite critical of yourself, and judging yourself so harshly could be holding you back from bigger and better things.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
A loved one may unknowingly hurt your feelings this week. Let them know what has hurt you, and how to avoid such problems in the future. Be willing to look at any oversensitivity on your part. A personal philosophy you hold dear may be questioned, so try to go with the flow.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
There is no such thing as perfection, so don't expect as much from yourself, and those around you. Stop being so critical and learn to be good to yourself and to others. Follow your hunches this week, you will be glad you did, or sorry you didn't. Delegate responsibilities.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Your belief system may seem to be disintegrating before your eyes, and although this does not seem to be good news at the present time, it will in the long run. Take advantage of the support and care family members want to give you... family has always been there for you.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Try to set aside time during the week to explore any new ways of self-expression, you may uncover creative avenues that you never had previously thought of. Let a special person in your life know that they are appreciated and loved. Spend some time alone.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Facing the truth in a situation may not be as damaging as you may think. Relax into the newness and you will find that it really isn't so bad, there are advantages to a new way of looking at situations. Someone may put you in your place if you monopolize others.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Gather all that excessive and positive energy to get a task accomplished this week - there is no use in putting off what needs to be done eventually. Do not get caught up in a situation which is going no where. You can accomplish quite a bit if you put your heart to it.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
It's time for a well deserved rest this week. Along with rest should come self introspection. Pay attention to any health matters, no matter how trivial they may seem. Romance may be on hold for the time being until you review your feelings and options for how you want to proceed.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
This week you probably come to some important conclusions regarding the best use of your money. Lively discussions with family members will bring new information to the group. Be cautious of letting another know your feelings, you may just need to sit on this one awhile.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Any information you may be able to glean from a family member, no matter how authoritarian this figure may seem, will be well worth any uncomfortableness. Daydreams do serve a very useful function, but try not to get caught up in such fantasies. Financial juggling is in order.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
You may be able to teach another the lesson of focusing energies to profitable ends. You have good ideas for the workplace, but you need to soften your approach so that you don't turn off others. A cherished part of your life is coming apart at the seams.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Bask in the admiration of others for a job well done, and then start a clean slate. Time alone can be a real treat, so surround yourself with quietness, beauty and serenity. If you are working only for money, find additional work which will leave you satisfied.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are unusually witty, adventurous, skillful and personable - so use this to your advantage. Social happenings will lead you to new friends who will liven up your life and boost your morale.

FEATURE

Why do we dye our hair?

by Carolyn Miller
Contributing Writer

In class one day after break, my teacher noted with some surprise that three girls out of our seven-person class had dyed their hair during the break. One girl had gone back to her natural color, another had become a blonde, and I sat there with my new red hair. The fuss my teacher made led me to wonder: why do we dye our hair?

I have my own reasons, as we all do. I was dressing up for a costume contest two days before break ended, and the costume called for red hair, which I've done before. So I went out, spent the $15 on two boxes of hair dye - the downside of having waist-length hair is needing more dye for it - and begged my mother to help me do the job.

> "We dye our hair to enhance our self-image, to change something about ourselves without it being horribly permanent."

She did it in a record fifteen minutes before getting dressed for work and driving to Maryland for a conference.

This really was a subtle hint to learn how to dye my hair myself, as I'm left with a couple brown patches and some really ugly roots from the rush dye-job.

When it comes down to it, though, who wants to dye her hair by herself? Not only is it difficult with longer hair, but the whole process of hair-dying is a social activity in itself,

The only color I'll dye my hair is red, because I like being a redhead, and I have this strange notion that I look better with red hair. Other people will go Crayola green or blue because they like the shock factor of such a bright color, and they enjoy the twist it gives to their image. Perhaps colored hair is just like pierced ears and tattoos.

In older days, there were such things as rites of passage, where a person had to endure some sort of ordeal in order to prove that he was ready to move on into adulthood.

Often these rituals included the piercing of some part of the body, the receiving of a tattoo, or even the carving of symbols into the person's skin.

While these body modifications still live on today in different subcultures of our society, the more timid of our species stick with the simple things - like hair dying.

We dye our hair to enhance our self-image, to change something about ourselves without it being horribly permanent. Even hair has to wait months to grow back, while the most temporary of hair colorings can be washed out within a weekend.

Somewhere in my dresser drawers at home is a small tube of 'hair mascara,' filled with a sort of blonde makeup I used to streak my hair with when it was much shorter. The downside of it, however, was that it would rub off on my hands if I brushed my hair behind my ear.

> "Is being a platinum blonde worth risking the health of your hair later on? If it is, then by all means, go for it!"

It's true that bleaching your hair can hurt it, but that really falls under your own judgement. Is being a platinum blonde worth risking the health of your hair later on? If it is, then by all means, go for it! Make sure you follow the directions, wear the gloves, and old clothing you don't mind throwing away. Don't forget, though, that if you want a truly good job, go to a professional.

Still, dying your hair shouldn't be a solo thing. Have a party with your friends, and all of you can go different temporary colors.

From the simple rub in brightly-colored dye that washes out in a weekend, to Kool-Aid coloring, to the more contemporary dye that takes two months to finally come out, it's all much easier than hating a new haircut.

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AOL Instant Messenger: Friend or Foe?

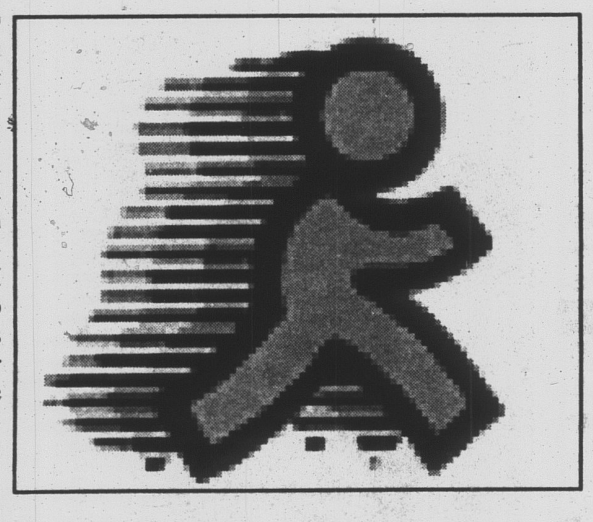
by Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

AOL Instant Messenger. One of the highest advantages in the world of technology. By typing a few letters into a keyboard, a user can instantly fly into another computer screen revealing anything and everything about life.

How lucky we are, huh? AOL users can meet new people, enter chat rooms of their liking, harass people by finding their screen names, and these days you can even hook yourself up with a date just by finding a profile that seems to be what you are looking for in a mate.

Now I am not totally bashing the instant-chat service; I was a user myself in the past. It was a must to log on and see who would talk to me out of the 155 people I had on my list. It was a total waste of time. Not too many people chatted with me, so I stopped logging on.

Freshman year is when I discovered the ability to chat with friends from home, friends in different dorm buildings, and boys I had crushes on that I was too embarrassed to talk to eyeball to eyeball. My favorite advantage was talking to the person right next door.



When I was an RA and roamed the halls on rounds, frequently I would have to ask residents to shut their doors because the doo-doo-d o o - d o o o / d o o - doo-doodeh noise would be echoing throughout the hall. I wonder how loud it would be if everyone turned up their speakers to that noise? I don't even want to comprehend.

I know a few people who have gone on dates with the chatters that seem "normal." Sure, some of them are, but in reality, you know there are weirdoes out there in cyber-land.

I saw a based-on-a-true-story TV movie on Lifetime about a girl who had just entered high school. Her parents had recently split up and things with her boyfriend were on a rusty nail.

So, after school she would lock herself in her bedroom, turn on the computer and live in a cyberspace world chatting with anyone who would make her feel better. Life got worse and a chatter that she trusted sent her a plane ticket to Pittsburgh. She packed her bags and left. The man was actually being paid to kidnap her and turn her over to a man who made child pornography.

The girl lived, but that is real life, folks. It happens everyday, as treacherous as it seems.

I didn't tell this story to get people to stop using instant messenger as a communication device. I know that not too many people would get on a plane and leave their lives behind for a chatter they had never met, but it happens. Be careful.

Instead of running back from class to check missed messages, grab a friend for a walk around the lake or a talk over coffee. It's springtime, so enjoy the flowers while they bloom and the trees, as brown buds turn to green. Instant Messenger might be a privilege.

Instant words can be a wonderful way to communicate. It's easy and cheap. But so is a 37-cent stamp.

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 28

Lil' Sibs Weekend
Science Olympiad
10:00 a.m. M Golf @ Malone Invitational
11:40 a.m. Chapel
3:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Waynesburg (H)
8:00 p.m. Dance Theatre Spring Program
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. JT's Cafe - Down Under

SATURDAY 29

Lil' Sibs Weekend
Softball @ Allegheny Tournament
11:00 a.m. M&W Track & Field @ Clarion Early Bird Invitational
1:00 p.m. Baseball @ Waynesburg
2:00 p.m. Dance Theatre Spring Program
3:00 p.m. Student Recital: Richard Leigh - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Planetarium Show: "Inner Space Medicine: The Inside Story" - HSC 116
8:00 p.m. Movie: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets - Down Under

SUNDAY 30

SPRING FLING
Softball @ Allegheny Tournament
3:00 p.m. Concert Choir Concert - Chapel
TBA M Tennis vs. Juniata (H)
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Christy Lecture: Dr. Ken Bailey, Speaker, "The Road Signs for a Journey With Islam (Dangers, Denials and Challenges in the New Century)" - Chapel
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie: Catch Me If You Can - Down Under

MONDAY 31

11:40 a.m. Chapel
Noon M Golf: Westminster Invitational (H)
1:00 p.m. Baseball @ Medaille
3:00 p.m. M Tennis @ W&J
5:15 p.m. Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Late Night - Down Under

TUESDAY 1

REGISTRATION
File 2003 FAFSA
10:00 a.m. W Golf @ Grove City Invitational
11:00 a.m. Faculty Meeting - Beeghly Theater
3:00 p.m. Softball @ Clarion
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Late Night - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 2

REGISTRATION
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Ann Coble, Topic TBA - PH 311
1:00 p.m. Baseball @ Hiram
4:00 p.m. M&W Track & Field @ Geneva/Malone/Walsh
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
8:00 p.m. Outdoor and Conservation Club Meeting - HSC 369
9:30 p.m. Seekers Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 3

REGISTRATION
3:00 p.m. M Tennis vs. Pitt-Greensburg (H)
4:00 p.m. Chronicles of Narnia Study - Ferguson Lobby
6:30 p.m. Mock Interviews with Area School Superintendents/Principals - Career Center, Eichenauer Hall (second floor)
6:30 p.m. Lenten Candlelight Service (half-hour ecumenical) - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Young Republicans - PH 131
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service - Chapel
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir - Chapel
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Late Night - Down Under

At the Down Under

Friday

Registration, picture buttons, caricatures and face painting
4:00-8:00 pm Down Under

BBQ Dinner
5:00-7:00 pm Down Under

Dance Theatre (extra cost)
8:00 pm Orr Auditorium

Guitarist Michael Seeling
9:00 pm Down Under

JT's Cafe
After Guitarist-2:00 am Down Under

Saturday

Bookstore is open
10:00 am-12:00 pm Old 77

Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour
10:00 am Old 77

Antique Photo
10:00 am-2:00 pm Down Under

Habitat "Home on the Range"
11:30 am -1:30 pm Down Under

Brunch
11:30 am - 2:00 pm Dining Hall

Dance Theatre Matinee (extra cost)
2:00 pm Orr Auditorium

Lil' Sibs Swim
2:00-4:00 pm Field House

Pony Ride
2:00-4:00 pm Lake Brittain

Movie: Harry Potter
2:00 pm Down Under

Dinner
4:45-6:00 pm Dining Hall

Mass
7:00 pm Chapel

Movie: Harry Potter
8:00pm Down Under

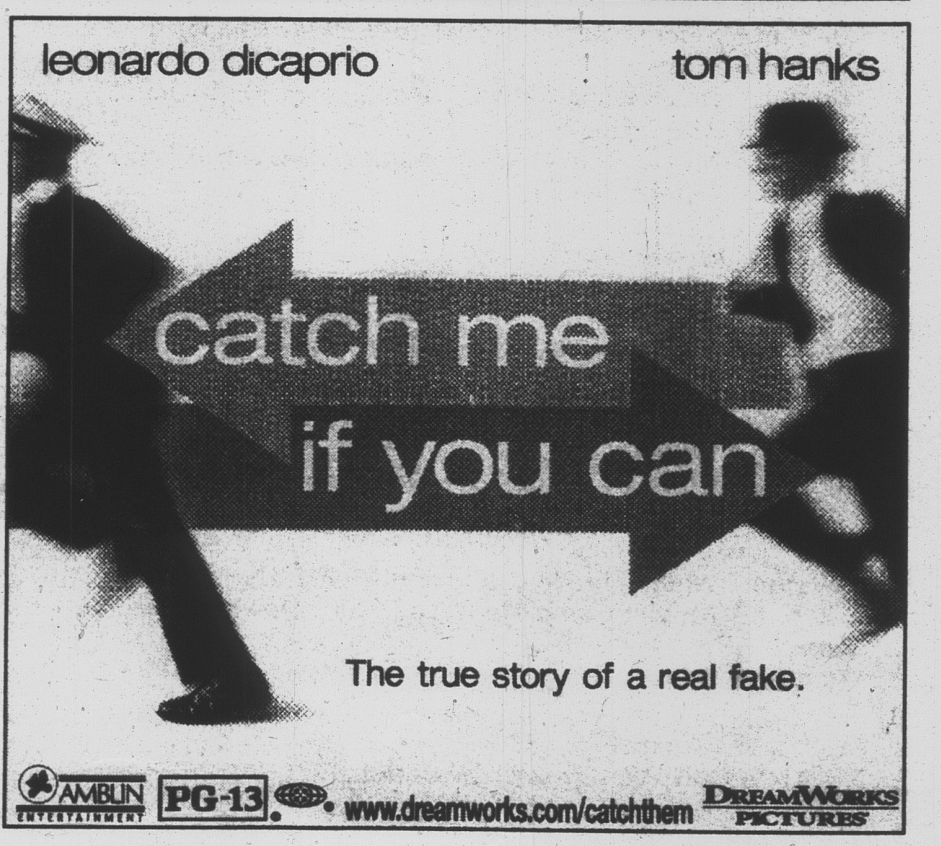
Hoe Down
After the movie Down Under

Sunday

Brunch
11:30 am - 2:00 pm Dining Hall

Men's Tennis Match
12:00 pm Tennis Courts

Concert Choir Concert
3:00 pm Chapel



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Children's literature not just for kids

by Mike McKee
Staff Writer

On March 19, the Children's Literature Group met in McGill Library to discuss "Summer of the Swans," by Betsy Byars. The group, led by Dr. Betsy Ford, English professor, and Dr. Mandy Medvin, associate professor of psychology, meets the third Wednesday of every month to discuss children's issues. They read books and analyze the material. They encourage group discussion among students and faculty.

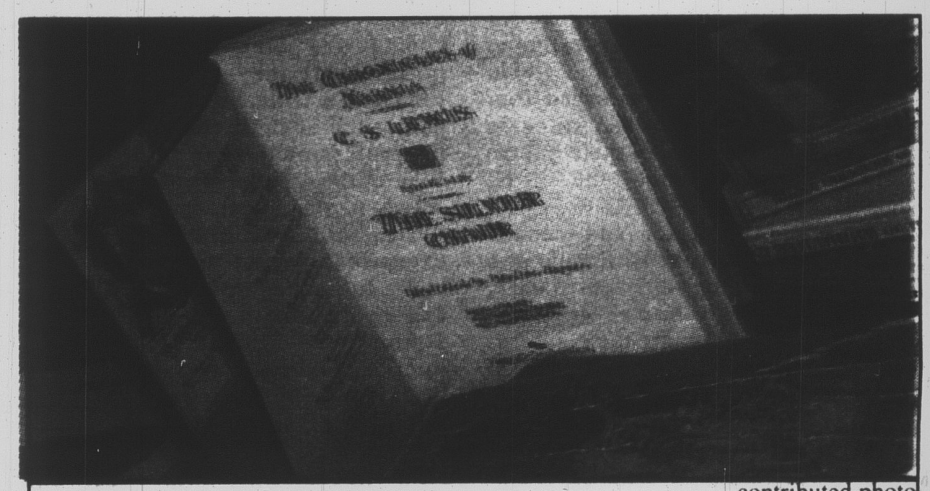
Yvonne Ayers, a library assistant and former schoolteacher with a strong background in children's literature, aids the group in deciding which books will be reviewed. Students of all majors can attend.

On March 16, a few days prior to the group's meeting, Virginia Hamilton, an awarding-winning multicultural children's author, spoke in Wallace Memorial Chapel. Hamilton has won almost every major children's literature award, including the Newberry Award and the Hans Christian Andersen Award.

"It was a good beginning to start off the Children Literature discussions," junior Mike Cubellis said.

Children's Literature is also an academic course, and will be offered this fall. The course explains the principles of teaching children in the communication arts of listening, speaking, writing and reading. Many elementary education majors find this class and the children's literature group to be a valuable learning experience.

"The class allows you to learn helpful material for anyone entering student teaching next semester," junior Mark Muchoney said.



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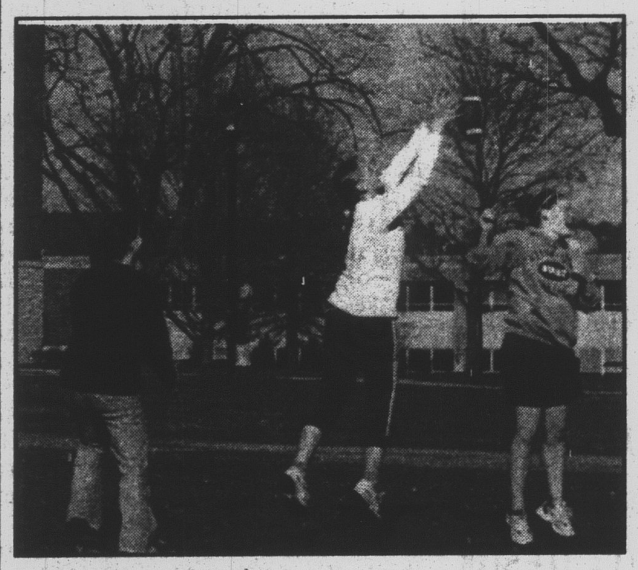
Medvin agreed.

"The study of children's literature is a marvelous way to extend knowledge and understand who we are, how we relate to things and how children react," she said.

Campus Snapshots



Now that the snow has finally melted, students are taking advantage of the warm weather.

photo by Kristin Park

Dry town no more?

by Isaac Ludwig
Staff Writer

Senior Kristen Edmonds recently succeeded in getting legislation placed on the ballot in New Wilmington that would pave the way for the possibility of a bar in town. She said her motives were to eliminate college students' drunk driving.

"I'm just basically doing this because, from going to bars and stuff like that, I know many kids drive home drunk. And if there was a way to eliminate that by having a bar in New Wilmington, that would eliminate kids driving home drunk from New Castle," Edmonds said.

To get the legislation placed on the ballot, Edmonds had to do a number to things.

"I had to get the right question on the ballot for a tavern or bar," she said. "I really only needed 96 [signatures] on the petition, but I ended up getting between 150 and 160."

This development follows the move by the owners of the Point Grille aimed at persuading campus sororities and fraternities to take the lead on getting the legislation passed. Their meeting, which provided very little legal information, made students leery of whether or not they would lose financial aid if they

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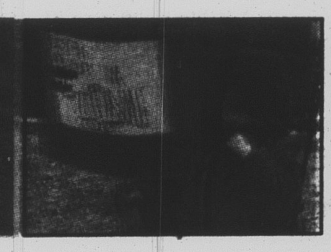

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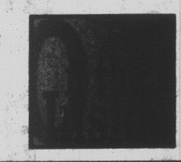
Sunday: Cloudy high 42° low 33°



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CAMPUS NEWS

Accelerated business classes to end early

by Sarah Washington
Staff Writer

The accelerated business classes end four weeks early because the department wants to give students a chance at a month long internship.

The accelerated business courses are the three hundred level courses offered to economic, business, and accounting students in their junior year. The program was designed for students to do their semester in eleven weeks instead of fifteen. The department has condensed four courses into three, so students would have month to do their internship in the last part of the spring semester.

Associate Professor and department Chairman, Tom E. Rosengarth believes by ending the courses early for the juniors will be a great opportunity for them to do their internship. He also said it's a great way to build a network of professional contacts.

"We encourage all economics and business majors to take advantage of an internship," Rosengarth said. "More employers are hiring interns." He continued, "[The internship] gives interns a four week interview with the company the intern is with."

Rosengarth believes that a student, who only does what their internship requires, will not get any real experience. He listed three goals, a student should have when they are interning at their potential company: 1. Obtain the name of a professional they can talk too. 2. Find out a little bit about the company such as their characteristics of the profession they're going have. 3. Where they should position themselves to start a career.

He said sometimes there are exceptions made for seniors who had a full schedule their junior year and could not do their internship. Seniors are allowed to do their internships in the spring, however, this does not happen to often because of Capstone.

Accounting major Darrell Carley said this is his junior year and already he has two accelerated business classes: Business Organization and Management Information Systems. "The internship wouldn't fit into my schedule this semester," Carly said. "I'm going to have one next semester."

Senior Michelle Loyash is double majoring in Business and Spanish. She is happy about the accelerated classes ending a month early. "I think it's great. This gives student a chance to do their internship early" she said.

Senior Amanda Silvestri has a special major. She has an Individual Interdisciplinary major in marketing and has a minor in Spanish. Silvestri believes that this gives seniors an advantage when they apply to future companies. "If you're a senior you can get a job and for business majors it's important to have an internship because it gives you an upper-hand [into having a career]," Silvestri said.

The accelerated business classes end April 1, so if any juniors have to have an internship, the time is now.

Tuesday and Thursday schedule changes

by Lyndsay Smith
Staff Writer

While students prepared to schedule for the fall semester, they might have noticed a slight change in Tuesday and Thursday classes. More classes will be offered in the morning instead of the afternoon.

To accommodate having more morning classes, the 12:30 class will become an 11:00 class.

There were multiple reasons for the change, according to a memo from the Curriculum Operations Committee. For example, the prime learning time for students is in the morning. The changes allow more time for students to take advantage of that. Also, more classes in the morning give a chance for cluster courses to be taught back to back, and fewer conflicts with lab times will exist.

The change provides student athletes with more opportunities for early classes. This will allow their afternoons to be more open for athletic events. The memo also mentioned that time will still be available for meetings in the middle of the day.

Sophomore Lindsay Jasinski has an opposing opinion about the class changes. "I think the change could have a negative effect on people whose classes all happen to be scheduled in the morning. Before, they could have two classes and still have time to eat before their 12:30. But now they're going to have to wait longer."

Regarding the lunch hours in the cafeteria, a couple options are under evaluation. Jeff Creveling, the general manager of the dining services, gave two options.

As of right now, the lunch hours are from 11 to 1. They could change the time to 11:30 until 1:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and keep Monday, Wednesday, and Friday as they are. Or to keep things consistent, they would change every day to the 11:30-1:30 time frame. "It won't take a lot of changes," Creveling said. "But we are planning on adjusting the schedules."

Registrar June Garner said the new schedule was recommended to the COC, who reviews and sets up the academic calendar. The committee brought the idea to a meeting where the faculty voted on, and approved, the change last fall.

New Tuesday-Thursday Schedule

1st	7:40 - 9:10
2nd	9:20 - 10:50
3rd	11:00 - 12:30
Lunch	12:30 - 2:00
4th	2:00 - 3:30
5th	3:40 - 5:10
Labs	7:40 - 10:50
	2:00 - 5:00

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registered to vote in New Wilmington.

"I talked to an attorney, and it doesn't screw up your financial aid, because there is a difference between a resident and a domicile," Edmonds said.

Students' domiciles can be classified as their parents' home if they claim them as dependent, but students are still residents of New Wilmington if they live here most of the year.

New Wilmington resident and president of Alpha Sigma Phi, Dave DiDesiderio, commented on what he's heard about the proposed legislation.

"[They're] trying to get Westminster students to register to vote in New Wilmington, which means they would have to change their voting address," he said. "You can change your voting address back to where you live whenever you want . . .But, the way I see it is, it [passing legislation] will never happen . . . but it's worth a shot."

A representative from the New Wilmington borough office, who would like to remain anonymous, commented on the possibility of a bar opening in town.

"The [second] step would be, [they] would have to see if [they] could have a liquor license."

New Castle City Council member, Mark Elisco, who is currently a candidate for County Commissioner, is urging Westminster students to vote in the upcoming election.

"Please keep in mind that there is a difference between a domicile and a residence. A domicile is where you permanently reside. However, you can register and vote where you go to college. All [you] have to do is register," Elisco said. His campaign is also having a free Ziti dinner for all Wilmington Borough residents and students, Tuesday April 14 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge Hall, where guests can register to vote and listen to the candidates speak on various issues.

The bar/tavern issue will be on the ballot for the May 20 election and will be voted on by those registered as residents of New Wilmington.

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Gospel choir prepares to record CD

by John Kish
Staff Writer

The gospel choir will record a compact disc in the chapel at 7:00 p.m. on April 11 during a free concert.

The choir has been planning to record the album for about five months. Director Gordon Austin stated that the title of the disk would be "We Are One." The release date is not certain, but it should take place at the start of the fall semester. The CD should be available in the campus bookstore, but students can also contact President Gwen Kennedy for information. One hundred copies will be made.

Austin writes most of the songs, which will be recorded during a live show. Austin believes that everyone should attend the free concert.

"If you do not come, you are going to miss out because we are going to have a jamming good time," Austin said.

Austin acknowledged that the concert takes place the same time as the recording. A live band is coming from Pittsburgh to join the show. The band will include percussion, bass guitar, and keyboard. Austin stated that the choir would like to see the chapel and diversity office support the concert.

Senior member Jacob Stumpf believes everyone should come to the live recording. He commented it will be much better than anything people have ever seen the choir do before. The performance will include "I Will Bless the Lord," "Excellent," "Worthy Oh Lord," and "Love of My Soul." Austin complimented his lead singer for "Love of My Soul."

"The lead singer, Nikky Douglas, is just awesome," he said. "This is the best choir we have ever had vocally and enthusiastically."

The choir consists of about 20 members. Austin writes most of the songs, because he wants the choir to have its own identity. The choir first started in 1992. Kennedy commented that it has been growing ever since. Stumpf has been with the choir since his first semester in the fall of 1999. He commented on his excitement to be a part of the recording.

"I think it is a really great opportunity to be a part of this recording," he said. "Most people never have a chance to do something like this, and it is the cumulating of everything that I have worked for in the past four years."

Anyone can become a member of the choir. Austin stated that becoming a member is as easy as coming to practice and being able to sing. Second year member Lyndsay Smith commented on how to join.

"They just simply come to the rehearsals which are every Thursday," she said. "Everyone is welcome, regardless of background and singing abilities."

CPC sponors Spring Gala formal in Sharon

by Tandi Lane
Staff Writer

A second all-campus formal called "The Spring Gala," sponsored by the Campus Programming Committee, will take place May 2 from 9:30 p.m. until 1 a.m.

The event will be held at the Chestnut Street Café in Sharon, and up to 200 people can attend. The cost is $5 for Westminster students and $7 for non-Westminster students. Tickets will go on sale after Easter break.

Craig Carlin, CPC Chair, said he is exited about the event. "It will be a great night, especially for seniors to get together and have fun," he said.

Everyone in attendance will receive a martini glass with the year and the name of the event printed on it.

CPC has asked other organizations on campus, such as SGA to help with advertising.

"I went to a fall dance in the Down Under, and less than ten people came," Carlin said. "I want this to be bigger."

The Chestnut Café is located in downtown Sharon, across from Quaker Steak and Lube. CPC will provide buses to transport students. Students should bring their Titan cards when signing up for the gala.

CPC members are confident the event will be successful.

"It's a great opportunity for all students to have one last dance before finals," CPC member Tacia Despo said.

Camille Hawthorne, CPC's advisor, said that all students can be members of the organization and help plan on-campus events by attending CPC meetings. For more information on CPC or the formal, contact Craig Carlin.

Campus to hold Mock Convention in 2004

by Lauren Thompson
Staff Writer

The campus will be holding its Mock Convention in early spring of 2004.

Since 1936, the college has been holding this special event every four years. The only year it did not take place was in 1944, due to the war.

Political science professor Dr. James Rhoads is the convention's advisor. "Westminster's convention is the second oldest in the nation," Rhoads said.

The Mock Convention is only held at a small number of colleges and universities throughout the nation. Every year, the nation's political parties hold their national convention. The campus replicates the national convention for the political power currently not in office. The upcoming convention will be portraying the Democratic Party opposing President Bush.

Rhoads stated that between 80 and 90 percent of campus students, on average, participate in the event.

The Mock Convention is a three-day event and is run and organized entirely by the students. "Students full fill all roles to the convention," he said.

These roles include executive chair, campaign manager, presiding chair and state delegate. The executive chair for the 2004 convention is Greg Smith, sophomore political science major. "As a freshman, I was told becoming involved in the Mock Convention would be a good opportunity for me. I didn't think much of it at the time. Now that I am the executive chair I see how much fun the event is and will be and I really hope students will get involved," Smith said.

Selecting committees and obtaining a political speaker along with overseeing the convention are Smith's primary duties. Smith and Rhoads have recently selected the committees to assist in planning the event.

Every year the convention is held, the committee has a nationally known political speaker attend. Last year's speaker was James Novac. Smith is currently trying to obtain James Carvell, of CNN Grossfire and associate to former President Clinton, to attend the upcoming convention.

Students are looking forward to the event. "The Mock Convention will teach a lot of Westminster students about American Democracy," Jarrod Takah said.

Your Student Government Association

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This week in SGA:

Sign Ups for VolleyRock will be held April 7-11. You can sign up during lunch and dinner outside the dining hall and the TUB. Teams must consist of 6 people and the cost is $4 per person. The color of the t-shirts this year is orange.

The first Food Advisory Committee meeting will be April 29th at 11:00 a.m. Organizations may be asked at some time to select members to serve on the committee.

CPC is planning a big fall event. They are having a flag football tourney, two bands, karaoke, and various other things. CPC will also have a Spring Gala formal at the Chestnut Street Café on May 2nd.

The Academic committee is making plans for the College Bowl, which will be held on April 27, 2003. The winning team will take on a team of professors. Start putting your teams together!

The Finance Committee allocated funds to three organizations tonight. Residence Life staff received $150 for their annual Luau, Westminster's Speech and Debate team was given $341 for transportation to send students to Nationals, and Alpha Sigma Phi received $1360 for the fireworks at Relay For Life.

The Judicial Committee is looking into getting ginger ale for the pop machines and possibly coffee vending machines. They are also hoping to replace PCN on Cable 9 with either MTV, E!, or Comedy Central. The committee is also looking into the possibility of a SGA website that will allow students to interact more with their student government.

The Public Relations Committee will be putting "The Toilet Paper" in the bathroom stalls soon. "The Toilet Paper" will be seen in every bathroom stall on campus, and it will have all the upcoming events on campus listed for you. It hopes to keep you informed and entertained.

Special Events is looking into a concert at W & J-Everclear and The Clarks on April 11th. They are also looking into a Pirates Game on April 27th. We'll keep you posted.

Students are always welcome to the weekly SGA meetings. We encourage you to attend. The meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m in Patterson Hall on the third floor. We are very determined to improve things for the students, so your questions, suggestions, and comments are more than welcome. You can send any of these to SGA@westminster.edu.

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Pittsburghers protest war, police react

PITTSBURGH (AP) War protesters blocked traffic and some were pepper-sprayed and arrested during a snowy demonstration in Pittsburgh on Sunday, while thousands of protesters marched through Philadelphia in a cold rain.

The two Pennsylvania demonstrations were among a number of scattered rallies around the country Sunday, some in opposition to the war in Iraq and others in support.

In Philadelphia, several thousand people braved the weather, many wearing buttons that read "Bring Our Troops Home." Interspersed in the crowd were plainclothes officers wearing police armbands.

At the city's Vietnam Veterans Memorial, protesters passed by about 100 men who stood at the memorial's entrance. Bob Yannul, 55, a Vietnam veteran from South Philadelphia, said he and other veterans had gathered out of concern that demonstrators would protest at the memorial in a way disrespectful to veterans.

"It's hallowed ground to us," Yannul said.

He said he did not object to the protests – "that's one of the reasons we went over there to fight in these wars" - but that he hoped everyone, no matter their views, would support the troops overseas.

"There are people crying themselves to sleep worried about these guys," he said.

In Pittsburgh, a group of protesters estimated by police at 250 began with a permitted rally at Frick Park, banging drums and chanting slogans against the war. But they then began an unpermitted march through residential areas, blocking traffic along a major thoroughfare.

Several were sprayed by police with pepper spray when they stepped off the narrow sidewalk. Pittsburgh police said three people were arrested by suburban police and had to be dragged away because they refused to walk.

During the rally Mary Denison, 45, of Pittsburgh, draped signs on her dog, Bella, that read, "Paws for Peace." Denison, a child psychologist, said the United States should not have acted without U.N. support.

"Shouldn't we listen or are we so arrogant we don't have to listen?" she said.

In Los Angeles, a crowd estimated by police at 5,000 marched through downtown in an early spring heat wave that brought temperatures into the 80s. The march was peaceful and there were no arrests.

"Who would Jesus bomb?" asked a sign carried by Evan Levang, 40.

"It's just a statement on the hypocrisy of people who claim to be spiritual and support massive bombardments," Levang said.

Police said about 1,500 people participated in a pro-troop rally that filled Taos Plaza in Taos, N.M., with veterans of World War II, Vietnam veterans on motorcycles and others. Unlike several anti-war demonstrations held here, there was no confrontation; one anti-war activist did show up briefly carrying a peace sign, then left peacefully.

In Oak Ridge, Tenn., about 200 peace activists danced in the street leading to the Y-12 nuclear weapons plant, blocking access until scores of law enforcement officers made a handful of arrests.

About 40 counterdemonstrators held their own rally, waving American flags and playing patriotic songs on a boombox as the peace activists marched past.

Watching the anti-war protesters, Mike Jacobs, a 55-year-old Vietnam veteran, shook his head. "This just can't be good for those kids over there in Baghdad," he said.

In other cities Sunday, groups rallied in support of the war.

Hundreds braved rain, sleet and frigid temperatures to gather in downtown Dover, Del. The Stars and Stripes floated high above a sea of umbrellas, under which demonstrators listened to speeches and patriotic music and chanted "U-S-A! U-S-A!"

Gov. Ruth Ann Minner reminded people that U.S. troops overseas were fighting to defend their fellow citizens.

"What kind of weather do you think they're enduring?" Minner asked as sleet pounded on the pavement. "This is nothing."

In Kingsport, Tenn., about 150 people from more than 20 churches joined to pray for swift victory in the war. In St. Louis, about 100 gathered downtown, waving American flags behind a banner saying "We Support Our Troops."

And in New York, about 100 veterans and family members of Sept. 11 victims gathered at the mesh fence adjacent to ground zero, waving flags and singing "God Bless America."

"My son was the first casualty of war in this extended war that we're in now," said Arthur Russo, whose son, Wayne Russo, died at the World Trade Center. "And I want the whole world to know as far as I'm concerned, those people - especially in this city of New York - who condemn what's going on show total disrespect for my son, the first casualty of war, whose name is listed on these walls as a hero."

photo by Jeremy Baker

Some Pittsburgh residents contine to support an anti-war movement.

—Regional Briefs

Heinz center adds additon

PITTSBURGH (AP) The Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center broke ground Monday on a $27 million addition that will house traveling exhibits from the Smithsonian Institution and a regional sports museum.

The five-story, 50,000-square-foot addition will give the museum about 195,000 square feet of space, and should be completed by the fall of 2004.

Andrew Masich, president of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, which operates the 7-year-old museum, said the space is needed because of the partnership with the Smithsonian.

The addition also will house the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, an education center and a theater. One floor of the addition will be dedicated to ethnic exhibits.

Nearly 80 percent of the cost of the project already has been raised from state grants, federal grants and donations from individuals, corporations and foundations. The group hopes to raise the rest from the public by selling time capsules that will be sealed into a wall of the new addition.

The expansion will be topped by a tower and logo to make the building, located in an old warehouse area known as the Strip District, easier to find. Museum officials say that's a common complaint.

Execution warrants signed

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) Gov. Ed Rendell signed execution warrants Monday for a Berks County man and Philadelphia man convicted of murder in separate cases.

Executions by injection were scheduled on May 27 for Roderick Andre Johnson, an inmate at the State Correctional Institution at Greene, and on May 29 for Gilbert Jones, an inmate at the State Correctional Institution at Graterford, Montgomery County.

Johnson, 27, was convicted and sentenced to die in November 1997 for the drug-related revenge shooting of two cousins, Damon and Gregory Banks, in Berks County. The execution was stayed three times as Johnson pursued an appeal; the latest stay was lifted Feb. 21, when the state Supreme Court refused to reconsider the appeal.

Jones, 72, received three death sentences in 1993 for the 1990 murders of Alan Winfield, Felicia Hubert and Jacqueline Jones, who was not related to him.

Jones' execution had been stayed twice as he pursued an appeal. The state Supreme Court upheld a lower court's denial of post-conviction relief on Dec. 31, and the high court also denied his application for reconsideration on Feb. 20.

Rendell has signed four death warrants since he took office in January.

Street reopens for traffic

PHILADELPHIA (AP) The mayor said he would reopen the street in front of Independence Hall as scheduled on Tuesday, despite concerns about security that had the National Park Service deciding to close the landmark temporarily.

"It is in the best interest of everyone that we open Chestnut Street as planned," Mayor John F. Street said Monday.

The street was closed to both vehicles and pedestrians in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. The National Park Service set up a security screening area across Chestnut Street from the historic building. The park service said Monday that if it could not control Chestnut Street, it would need to shut down the building for up to 10 days until it can build a new screening area on the other side.

The mayor said Monday that the park service hadn't been informed of this concern until late Monday afternoon, but that he would still reopen the street because of concerns from businesses that they had lost a great number of customers - in some cases resulting in layoffs of employees.

"We are concerned that closing Chestnut Street, in our view, sends the wrong message," the mayor said.

NATIONAL

Reporter is fired for speaking with an Iraqi-run television program

NEW YORK (AP) NBC fired journalist Peter Arnett, angered that he had given an unauthorized interview with state-run Iraqi TV saying the American-led war effort initially failed because of Iraq's resistance.

A British tabloid said Tuesday it has hired Arnett as a reporter. "Fired by America for telling the truth," the Daily Mirror said in a Page 1 headline.

"I am still in shock and awe at being fired," Arnett wrote for the newspaper, which is vehemently opposed to the war.

Arnett apologized for his "misjudgment," but added: "I said over the weekend what we all know about this war."

Arnett, who won a Pulitzer Prize reporting in Vietnam for The Associated Press, gained much of his prominence from covering the 1991 Gulf War for CNN. One of the few reporters for a U.S. network left in Baghdad, his reports were frequently aired on NBC and its cable sisters, MSNBC and CNBC.

NBC was angered because Arnett, originally from New Zealand, gave the interview Sunday without permission and presented opinion as fact. The network initially backed him, but reversed after watching a tape of his remarks.

The network said it got "thousands" of e-mails and phone calls protesting Arnett's remarks - a thousand e-mails to MSNBC President Erik Sorenson alone.

"When I heard he had given an interview to Iraqi TV, I immediately thought it was about as bad a judgment that a reporter in the field could make," Sorenson said. "I held out hope initially that maybe he had given the interview at gunpoint or there was some extenuating circumstance."

In the interview, shown by Iraq's satellite television, Arnett said the United States was reappraising the battlefield and delaying the war, maybe for a week, "and rewriting the war plan. The first war plan has failed because of Iraqi resistance. Now they are trying to write another war plan."

Arnett said it was clear that, within the United States, opposition to the war was growing, along with a challenge to President George W. Bush about the war's conduct.

Arnett, speaking Monday on NBC's "Today," said he wanted to apologize to the American people.

"I gave some personal observations, some analytical observations, which I don't think are out of line with what experts think," he said. "But clearly I misjudged the firestorm."

Leaving a second network under a cloud could mark the end of his TV career. Arnett was the on-air reporter of a retracted 1998 CNN report that accused American forces of using sarin nerve gas in Laos in 1970. He was reprimanded and later left the network.

The first Bush administration was unhappy with Arnett's reporting on the Gulf War in 1991 for CNN, suggesting he had become a conveyor of propaganda.

Arnett went to Iraq this year not as an NBC News reporter but as an employee of the MSNBC show "National Geographic Explorer." When other NBC reporters left Baghdad for safety reasons, the network began airing his reports. Arnett was also relieved of his duties at National Geographic Explorer.

Virginian woman loses son and husband in two different wars

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) Virginia's first casualty of the war with Iraq was the only son of two Marines who followed in his father's footsteps to become a tank commander.

Staff Sgt. Donald C. May Jr., 31, of Richmond, was one of three Marines listed as missing by the Pentagon when a tank went off a bridge into the Euphrates River on Tuesday.

A second Virginia casualty was announced Monday by the Department of Defense: Sgt. Michael V. Lalush, 23, of Troutville, north of Roanoke. Lalush was killed Sunday in a UH-1N Huey helicopter crash in Southern Iraq, the department said.

May's mother, Brenda Reese May, said she was told by officials early Monday that the tank had been retrieved from the river and all three Marines were found dead. She said the Marines' possessions were found floating in the Euphrates.

"He was my only son and as proud as I am to be a Marine, to be married to a Marine, and for my son to become a Marine, he was still my only son, he was all I had," Brenda May said from her suburban Richmond home.

May's wife, Deborah, who is 71/2 months pregnant with the couple's second son, went into premature labor after hearing Friday that her husband was missing, Brenda May said, but doctors were able to halt the delivery.

Her daughter-in-law was hospitalized again Monday after learning that her husband was dead, May said. She was later released and was doing fine.

Brenda May said her son's body would be flown back to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware and would then be brought to Richmond for burial.

The other two Marines listed as missing were Lance Cpl. Patrick T. O'Day, 20, of Sonoma, Calif., and Pfc. Francisco A. MartinezFlores, 21, of Los Angeles, Calif. O'Day's family said Marine officials confirmed his death late Sunday. A sister of MartinezFlores said Sunday the family was not ready to speak to the media.

Brenda May said her son was inspired by the career path of his parents, who met at Quantico Marine Corps Base in northern Virginia. Brenda May served for two years as a secretary at Quantico before leaving the service as a lance corporal in 1971. Donald C. May Sr., who was a tank commander, served two tours of duty in Vietnam, earning two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and a Navy Cross.

The younger May became interested in the military at an early age, his mother said. He was a member of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets from age 12 to 18 and was also a police explorer.

He joined the Marine Corps the same year he graduated from high school and served four years in the military police. He finished boot camp in time to serve in the Middle East for the last few months of the first Gulf War in 1991. His job was guarding Iraqi prisoners.

May then left the Marines for two years, serving as a reservist, after which he ``got back in as a tank commander, just like his dad,'' his mother said.

For his second deployment to Iraq, May was in the 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, based at Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

"He was a clean-cut American boy," his mother said. "When he decided to go into the military, I was proud. Always scared, but proud. I know the drill, but it's still hard."

National Briefs

Teen guilty of rape

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) A teenage boy pleaded guilty Monday to raping a 3-year-old boy last year.

Jesse A. Murphree, 15, could be sentenced to life in prison without parole at a May hearing. But prosecutor Jeff Quisenberry said he would not ask for more than 25 years.

Murphree's parents declined to comment, his lawyer said.

Murphree's grandmother was baby-sitting the toddler when he was assaulted, according to court documents and testimony. The toddler told his father about the abuse when they were driving home.

Doctor's examined the boy and Murphree later told Bradenton police what he did, according to police records.

The victim's mother said she would be satisfied with a 25 year sentence. She said she wasn't concerned about Murphree being a teenager in prison.

"Whatever happens, he deserves it," she said. "Hopefully he gets something in return."

The names of the victim and his family were withheld because of the nature of the crime.

Vaccination suspended

RENO, Nev. (AP) State and district health officials in Nevada and at least seven other states said Monday they are temporarily suspending a troubled smallpox vaccination program.

In addition to the Nevada State Division of Health, the Clark County District Health Department in Las Vegas and Washoe District Health Department in Reno suspended their smallpox programs to give federal officials time to investigate the vaccine's role in three heart attack deaths.

Experts suspect the vaccine is probably not to blame for the heart attacks. Nevertheless, Arizona, California, Illinois, Maine, Michigan, New York and Vermont also have suspended their programs during an investigation.

A ninth state, Connecticut, ordered a two-day suspension. And in Idaho, state officials recommended that that local health districts temporarily suspend vaccinations.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention told states Monday that it is now recommending that people with heart disease - or at risk of heart disease - refrain from vaccination. The CDC was sending out new forms to help states screen people for the vaccine.

Nevada officials said they would suspend the vaccination program until new guidelines are issued by federal authorities.

Washoe County employees who are part of the local smallpox response teams had been scheduled to be immunized on April 12, said Wende Latham, assistant division director for clinical and community health services.

"We will reschedule for a later date once we receive clearance from both CDC and the state," Latham said Monday.

Tenn. votes for "tomato"

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) The Tennessee House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly Monday to declare the tomato the official state fruit.

The designation applies to any type of tomato.

The bill passed 96-1. It was sponsored by Rep. Dennis Roach, R-Rutledge, who said tomatoes generate $200 million a year for growers in Tennessee, more than any other fruit.

Roach described the bill while about a third of the legislators in the chamber waved tomato-shaped fans at him.

The tongue-in-cheek debate on the bill was cut short when Rep. Randy Rinks, D-Savannah, made the decidedly serious point that the University of Tennessee women's basketball team was about to tip off an NCAA tournament game.

Answering one question, Roach noted that the tomato is a fruit, not a vegetable, because it grows on a vine.

Drug companies step up

WASHINGTON (AP) Drug companies plan to appeal a federal judge's decision that Michigan can continue its prescription program for low-income patients.

Jan Faiks, an attorney for the Washington, D.C.-based Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association, said Monday that the group believes Michigan's program could harm patients, particularly if other states adopt similar measures.

"We believe strongly that programs that result in limiting or denying access to medicines for a state's most vulnerable patients are bad public policy and a violation of federal Medicaid law," Faiks said in a news release.

Michigan's program requires doctors to use a list of drugs approved by a state panel of doctors and pharmacists when treating approximately 1.6 million patients who get state aid. Doctors can appeal to the state if a drug isn't on the list. Companies whose drugs aren't listed must offer discounts to get on the list.

Late last week, U.S. District Court Judge John Bates dismissed the lawsuit filed by PhRMA and mental health advocates.

SGA Presents

VolleyRock 2003

Saturday, May 3rd

Sign-ups will be held Monday, April 7th thru Friday, April 11th, during lunch and dinner at the TUB and the Cafeteria.

Teams must consist of 6 (or an alternate making 7) people.

Each team must have at least 2 females.

The cost is $4 per person or $24/$28 per team. This includes entry into the tournament, a VolleyRock t-shirt, all you can eat Quaker Steak and Lube wings, and other activities.

Each team should have a team name and a captain. The captain must have all the t-shirt sizes and know whether the members want long or short-sleeved shirts.

Please pay in cash or checks made out to SGA.

INTERNATIONAL

Asian plague quarantees a continent and threatens worldwide infection

HONG KONG (AP) Health officials sealed off an apartment building and quarantined all 240 residents Monday after reporting an alarming jump in new cases of a mystery flu-like disease.

The first confirmed case of the illness was reported Tuesday in Australia, but the patient had already recovered and the illness has not spread, health officials said.

The Australian man, who had been in Singapore, was successfully treated in a Sydney hospital in late February and released before the disease was known, Australia's chief medical officer Richard Smallwood said.

More than 600 people in Hong Kong are believed to have the dangerous respiratory infection, and almost half of those live in the Amoy Gardens apartment complex. Officials reported 92 new cases in the complex on Monday.

Severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, has prompted officials in Asian countries to enforce little-used quarantine laws, close schools and impose new health screenings on travelers.

The disease, which has no proven treatment, also continued spreading in other affected hot spots, such as Singapore and Toronto.

Doctors and nurses in Singapore donned special respirator suits designed for handling germ warfare attacks so they could get close to patients infected with SARS.

In Canada, where a health emergency has been declared in Ontario province, Toronto authorities reported that at least two children had been hospitalized with the disease, and three others were showing symptoms of it. But they would not give details.

Worldwide about 60 people have died - at least 15 of those in Hong Kong. Government officials are pondering setting up quarantine centers if the disease cannot be contained.

The World Health Organization said Monday that experts hope to pinpoint the cause soon, and signs continue to point the coronavirus, which causes about one-fifth of all colds.

Dr. David Heymann, WHO's communicable diseases chief, told PBS' "NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" on Monday that 11 laboratories are sharing data in "a solidarity within the world unknown in public health."

Hitoshi Oshitani, the WHO coordinator for SARS, said he believes scientists will determine the cause soon, possibly within days.

In fact, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Saturday that no current drugs were working against the disease.

In a new and perplexing twist, the germ inside the Hong Kong apartment building seemed to be spreading upward, a WHO official said Monday.

"They are finding that the infections are in people living in apartments on top of each other, only in one area of this apartment block. It's only two apartments, but from floor zero to 35. Not all of those apartments are affected, but most of the families affected are living in that small area of that apartment building," virologist Klaus-Stohr said at WHO headquarters in Geneva.

Terrorists attack British Embassy, suspected reaction to war in Iraq

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) A pickup truck loaded with extra fuel crashed into the perimeter wall of the British Embassy, exploding in flames in what one witness said appeared to be a suicide attack.

Police initially said the crash late Monday appeared to be an accident, in which the truck driver was killed but no one else was hurt. But later the city's security chief said the back of the vehicle was loaded with gallons of extra fuel.

The director of security in Tehran's governor's office, Ali Ta'ala, did not say whether the incident was an attack on the embassy. He identified the driver as a 35-year-old employee in the Energy Ministry, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The pickup truck left the main road and went through openings in metal barriers on either side of a bus lane that passes in front of the embassy wall.

It hit the wall, a yard away from the main gate, and exploded.

"As I heard a huge explosion, I turned back and saw a big ball of fire," said Ali Sajjadi, a teenage onlooker.

The heavily burned body of the driver could be seen.

Sajjadi said that if the truck had left the road accidentally, it "should have crashed into the metal barriers." That the pickup truck got as far as the embassy wall "makes it look like a suicide attack," Sajjadi said.

In London, Home Secretary David Blunkett told British Broadcasting Corp. television: "At the moment ... there is no evidence that it was a terrorist act."

In Tehran, the police cordoned off the area around the embassy. They asked everyone, including journalists, to leave the scene.

An hour after the crash, a crane removed the wreckage of the burned-out truck.

The embassy was the scene of a large anti-war demonstration on Friday. During the protest, demonstrators threw stones that broke some embassy windows and police fired shots into the air to disperse the crowd.

On Sunday, Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi phoned his British counterpart Jack Straw and warned that the war was engendering hostility toward the allied forces and to urge them to protect Shiite holy sites in Iraq, Iranian state radio has reported.

Kharrazi said the increasing bloodshed was "a human tragedy that will provoke great hatred by Islamic nations of the foreign occupiers in Iraq," Kharrazi told Straw, according to Tehran radio.

International Briefs

North Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) North Korea accused the United States on Tuesday of conducting more than 220 spy flights over its territory in March as a prelude to an attack after Iraq.

The United States flew about 40 more flights than in February, state-run Radio Pyongyang said, according to the South Korea's Yonhap news agency.

"This shows that the U.S. imperialists are trying to turn its spearhead of aggression to our republic after war in Iraq," Radio Pyongyang said.

North Korea regularly accuses U.S. spy planes of entering its airspace.

A spokesman at the U.S. military command in Seoul, Kim Yong-kyu, declined to comment on the allegations.

Radio Pyongyang said U.S. forces used RC-135 planes, EP-3 electronic surveillance aircraft and U-2 spy planes for the reconnaissance flights.

The allegations come amid heightened tension on the Korean Peninsula because of the North's suspected nuclear weapons development program.

Last month, four armed North Korean fighter jets intercepted a U.S. reconnaissance plane over the Sea of Japan and one used its radar in a manner that indicated it might attack, according to U.S. officials.

Washington keeps 37,000 American troops in South Korea.

Journalists frightened away

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) Fourteen journalists have left one of Colombia's hottest war zones because of death threats from armed groups, the reporters said Monday.

Colombia is one of the world's most dangerous countries for journalists. At least 114 reporters have been killed in the past 14 years.

The journalists said they departed northeast Arauca state on the border with Venezuela after they learned their names were on death lists.

The rebels from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, as well as right-wing militias in Arauca had threatened them with death if they continued reporting on the conflict there, the reporters said.

Two weeks ago, the correspondent for the country's largest newspaper, El Tiempo, was killed by unknown gunmen.

In January, two international reporters traveling in the area were kidnapped by leftist rebels. They were released several days later.

The rebels and the right-wing militias are fighting for control of Arauca's vast oil-rich plains. The national government is trying to reassert authority in the region.

Terrorism charges dropped

ROME (AP) A judge dropped terrorism charges Monday against five Moroccans jailed in January after they were found with explosives and maps of London, their lawyer said.

Police said a search of their apartment near the northern city of Rovigo had turned up two pounds of explosives and maps of central London and the city's subway.

News reports at the time also said authorities found the plans of NATO bases in Italy.

The terrorism charges were dropped because the investigation didn't turn up any evidence of either links with terrorist groups or terrorist activity, said lawyer Sofia Tiengo.

The men still face charges of illegal possession of explosives and remain in jail, Tiengo said.

The suspects maintained the explosives were found in an abandoned building where some of them had been squatting.

SARS hits Australia

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) Health authorities Tuesday announced the first confirmed case of a deadly flu-like illness in Australia, but said the patient had already recovered and the illness has not spread.

The Australian man, who had been in Singapore, was successfully treated in a Sydney hospital in late February, Australia's chief medical officer Richard Smallwood said.

Smallwood said Monday it was only a matter of time before a case of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, which has killed 62 people worldwide, arrived in Australia.

The man returned to Australia on Feb. 12 after spending two days in Singapore. He was taken to a hospital in Sydney on Feb. 23 with a fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

"The person recovered after two weeks and was well when released from hospital," Smallwood said in a statement.

He said there had been no spread of SARS from the patient or people with whom he had been in contact.

Australian health authorities have investigated more than 30 suspected cases of SARS in the past three weeks. None were found to fit the World Health Organization criteria for SARS, except the man treated in Sydney, Smallwood said.

Two people in New South Wales state and one person in Canberra were under investigation, he said.

SARS has now infected more than 1,600 people in 15 countries.

SPORTS

Baseball and softball teams batting up for new season

photo by Kristin Park

Westminster spring sports kicking off season.

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

After early season tests, the men's baseball and women's softball squads are savoring recent successes while preparing for President's Athletic Conference competition.

With three wins in three days over PAC rival Thiel, the Titan diamond men ran their unbeaten streak to seven while upping their record to 11-2, 3-0 in the PAC. On a Monday doubleheader, the Titans swept a home set from the Tomcats by identical scores of 3-2. The following day, they traveled to Thiel and survived a grueling and fiercely contested 9-8 slugfest.

"In two days, we played three highly contested games," sophomore closer Bryan Hilbert said. "We saw everything you can see as a baseball team in those three games. We were down in the first game and survived; Matt Pournaras saved us in the second game; and then on Tuesday, we just went to war."

Following their initial PAC test against a well-rounded Thiel team that returns a quality lineup that is fortified by returning All-PAC performer Randy Chiquelin, who batted .381 last season, while slugging 11 homeruns, the Titans are ready to further test their skills against the rest of the PAC.

Junior catcher Ben Yeckel feels his team carries a certain swagger onto the field that can only help them win games. "We feel extremely confident in ourselves as a team," Yeckel said. "We know how well we can play and how well we can play against other teams in our conference. We are cocky. We are confident in ourselves."

While the men's baseball team has enjoyed success all season long, the girl's softball has endured an early season slump to rebound with a six game unbeaten streak (5-0-1).

After an early season record of 2-8, the lady Titans played well in three straight double headers. They won and tied a two game set against Penn State-Altoona, swept a double header from visiting Mount Union, and traveled to Penn State-Behrend to sweep an afternoon double header.

"We just needed to find our groove," softball centerfielder Lauren Boris said. "Early on, we weren't as sharp as we needed to be, but we're playing to our potential now."

The men's baseball squad continues PAC play on March 28 with a home game against the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets, while the women's softball team opens PAC play on April 4 with a 1 p.m. home affair with the Washington and Jefferson Presidents.

WC Sports briefs

Baseball

The Westminster College baseball team saw its overall record improve to 13-3 on the season today in Hiram, Ohio, as the Titans swept Hiram College (9-9) in a non-conference doubleheader. Westminster won game one 9-1, then posted a 19-2 blowout in the nightcap to complete the sweep.

Westminster put the opener away early with one run in the first, two in the second, and three more in both the third and fourth innings. Hiram got its lone tally in the bottom of the seventh. Senior Matt Pournaras (Ambridge/Ambridge H.S.) improved to 2-0 with the pitching win, scattering five hits in five shutout innings with one walk and four strikeouts. Classmate Jason Mumford (New Castle/Shenango H.S.) pitched the final two frames, allowing one run on two hits with one strikeout. At the plate, both senior third baseman Kevin Humberston (North Versailles/East Allegheny H.S.) and junior DH Justin Joseph (West Pittsburg/New Castle H.S.) went 3-for-3 with a run scored, with Humberston posting a double and an RBI. Junior outfielder Niels Jorgensen (Volant/Wilmington Area H.S.) was 2-for-4 with a home run and a triple, while junior second baseman Brian Goettler (North Versailles/East Allegheny H.S.) was 2-for-5 with a home run.

Game two saw Westminster score in each of the first five innings to take a 13-1 lead, before plating six insurance runs in the final frame. Junior Craig Rechichar (Brownsville/Brownsville Area H.S.) earned the win on the mound, improving to 2-0 after allowing one run on six hits with two walks and three strikeouts. Freshman Evan Triplett (Sewickley/North Allegheny H.S.) pitched the final two innings, giving up one run on four hits with one strikeout. Westminster pounded four home runs in the win, as Goettler, Humberston, senior B.G. Davison (Baden/Ambridge H.S.) and sophomore Ron Florian (Pittsburgh/Brashear H.S.) each tallied round-trippers. Davison was 4-for-5, Goettler was 3-for-6 and Florian was 2-for-4, scoring three times each and driving in three runs apiece. Humberston also drove in a team-high four RBIs.

The Titan diamondmen return to the field tomorrow (Saturday, March 29), as Westminster concludes its three-game series with Waynesburg with a doubleheader at Waynesburg, Pa., beginning at 1 p.m.

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team saw its 2003 overall record fall to 5-7 today, as the Titans dropped a 6-3 non-conference contest to visiting NAIA member Roberts Wesleyan College. The Raiders captured four of six singles matches and two of three doubles contests.

For Westminster, posting wins were sophomores Mark Gross (Pleasant Unity/Mt. Pleasant H.S.) at #2 singles and Dave Molitor (Gibsonia/Pine-Richland H.S.) at #5 singles, as well as the #2 doubles team of junior John Libert (McDonald/Fort Cherry H.S.) and freshman Ben Libert (McDonald/Fort Cherry H.S.).

The Titan netters return to action Saturday (April 5), as Westminster travels to face Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) rival Waynesburg College in Waynesburg, Pa., at 11 a.m. The Titans are currently 2-1 against PAC competition.

Retired Coach Marjorie Walker Receives Award

Retired Westminster College coach and athletic administrator Marjorie Walker has been awarded the 2003 Pathfinder Award representing the state of Pennsylvania by the National Association for Girls & Women in Sport (NAGWS). The NAGWS Pathfinder Award is given in recognition of service and contributions to girls and women in sport.

Walker will be formally recognized at the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) national convention on Friday, April 4, 2003 at the Philadelphia Marriott Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa. She will be presented the award at the NAGWS General Session at 10:15 a.m., followed by the NAGWS Luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

Walker joined the College faculty in 1962, serving until her retirement in June, 1993. During her Westminster career, she served as professor of physical education, chair of the department, associate director of athletics and head volleyball coach. She posted an overall volleyball coaching record of 341-277 and was a two-time District Coach of the Year. Her teaching experience included badminton, volleyball, archery, basketball, soccer, racquetball, tennis, golf, and walking for fitness.

Walker currently resides in New Wilmington.

Track & Field

The Westminster College men's and women's track & field teams both opened the 2003 outdoor season today at the Clarion Early Bird Invitational, hosted by Clarion University in Clarion, Pa. No team score was kept at the event.

Leading the Westminster men was freshman Adam Hadbavny (Westmoreland City/Norwin H.S.), who was the lone Titan to capture an individual event when he won the shot put with a toss of 46-2 1/4. A pair of Westminster men posted second place finishes: juniors Matt Steve (Greensburg/Hempfield H.S.) in the 100 meter dash and Tim Snyder (Monaca/Center H.S.) in the 3,000 meter steeplechase.

A pair of Lady Titans posted individual wins at the invitational. Senior Katie Spehar (Malvern, OH/Malvern H.S.) captured the 800 meter run with a time of 2:24.00, while freshman Sonya Cole (Youngstown, OH/Austintown Fitch H.S.) placed first in the shot put with a mark of 35-9 1/2. In addition, junior Diana Barnes (Twinsburg, OH/Twinsburg H.S.) finished second in the 200 meter dash for Westminster.

Both the Titan and Lady Titan track & field teams return to action next Saturday, April 5, as Westminster hosts the annual Titan Invitational meet at Harold Burry Stadium in New Wilmington beginning at 11 a.m.

Applications are being sought for the positions of student editors of the college student periodicals, which are Holcad, Argo and Scrawl.

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

So strike a match and hope it lasts, here's to following your own lead...

Lil Sibs round up was soo cool. Giddy up!

Dance Theatre rocked!

I'm anti-Hussein, anti-war, and pro-troops. Believe it.

Why does the education department want me to die?

Never feel bad for pierouetting (ya know like a ballerina does) in public.

Just admit it--Poodle makes you smile.

1..2...3... how many squirrels are on this campus?!

Brunch should start before lunchtime. Hence the combo of breakfast and lunch.

Who steals a golfcart?!?

A squirrel beat me up yesterday.

Does anyone find it disturbing that 2 days after putting roses in school water they were dead?

Yes, I'm aware I'm listening to Titan Radio. Just play the music already!

Why is Galbreath never locked?

I often feel when I look back on life, that it was all a lot of oysters with no pearls!

What is war? Haven't we been fighting all along...

Next year, when Lake Brittain freezes, I think we should get that Zamboni!

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: Intelligently Paranoid

In his address to the nation right before we attacked Iraq, President Bush urged Iraqi citizens not to burn oil fields. Bush addressed the people of Iraq, people who would more than likely never see the broadcast. The media in Iraq is filtered by the government by Saddam Hussein's son. Someone in the White House must realize this, which means that one way or another, Bush (or his speech writers) know that speaking to Iraq on television does nothing. So Bush is not speaking to the Iraqis, he is speaking to the United States. Why?

Why would Bush address American citizens under the guise of calling out to Iraqi citizens? It could simply be a public relations move to make him look concerned or sympathetic towards the people of Iraq. But it feels more like a wheel within a wheel. In other words-politics. There is something behind Bush's words, something more that the general public is not seeing.

And if there is something more behind the speeches and press releases, then is there something more behind the war? Why Iraq? Because Iraq needs to be liberated? They have been under Hussein's dictator ship for years. Why now? Because Iraq has oil? That seems too simplistic. We have waited over ten years, why strike now? Why?

This war has been attracting so much media attention that you have to wonder what is going unseen?

These questions have been asked before. News programs, magazines, newspapers, and reporters have been asking the questions and officials, advisors, and politicians have been giving answers. Left and right both have their answers, but what are we missing?

If there is one thing college should teach you, it would be to look behind the curtain-question everything you are told, have a healthy case of intellectual paranoia.

This war has been attracting so much media attention that you have to wonder what is going unseen? Anyone who has seen the movie Wag the Dog knows that the media can be used to divert attention to what is really going on. Is that happening? Is our attention being diverted from a bigger event that we will never know about? Add these questions into the mix. Ask, question, wonder, learn.

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Guest Editorial: Kansas censors sex ed class

by Alex Rosemblat
Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. -- Sexuality, one of the most controversial subjects in academia, was targeted last week at the University of Kansas. More specifically, the Kansas State Senate passed a bill withholding $3 million in state funding due to displays of educational videos featuring humans engaged in sexual acts.

These videos were shown in a long-running and popular sexuality class taughtby award-winning professor Dennis Dailey at the University of Kansas. TheKansas State Senate claims that such videos are obscene and should not be funded by taxpayers' money ("Kansas University funds threatened over sex class," CNN.com, March 28). Human sexuality, however, is a legitimate educational field and may in some cases require video materials to fully understand the topics. The Kansas State Senate should revoke its law and allow the viewing of these so-called obscene videos in this University of Kansas sexuality class.

It is understandable that the Kansas State Senate may consider videos showing human sexual behavior to be offensive and obscene. Views on humansexuality have fluctuated throughout history and vary greatly from culture to culture. It is ultimately the government of a locality that defines what is and isn't obscene.

The U.S. Supreme Court has left its definition of obscene materials vague, as evident in the 1972 Miller v. California case. The so-called Miller standard established a three-pronged test to determine whether a work is obscene. A work is obscene only if the work appeals solely to a prurient interest, portrays sex in an explicitly offensive way, and has no artistic or social value. Although an attempt to simplify obscenity laws, words like "prurient" and "social value" are still inherently subjective. In addition, education also has intrinsic "social value" for society.

Clearly, there are many fine lines between tastefulness and obscenity. The Kansas State Senate is incorrect in assuming that these videos, which are used for educational purposes and may in other contexts be seen as offensive, should be considered obscene in this in-class setting.

State Sen. Susan Wagle (R), who presented this amendment, also offered other evidence not having to do with the video presentations. For instance, she claimed, "during the class Dailey displayed pictures of the genitalia of girls at ages 5 and 10, told female students to explore their own genitals as homework, and implied that a woman leaving for the restroom was going to masturbate" (CNN.com) Although this behavior, if proven true, may constitute punishment under other laws, it should not have been presented as evidence for a vote concerning educational sexuality videos.

Dailey shows these videos as a resource to aid his students in learning. As mentioned earlier, human sexuality is a touchy subject for many people and a topic that not only has bred a great deal of wrongful information from several societal and media sources, but can also often be confusing. If Dailey believes that showing these films presents the clearest and most educational method for his students to learn he must be allowed to use them for the good of his students, who are paying to receive an education.

Because of its sensitive nature, views on human sexuality can differ greatly from person to person. Dailey's class, "Human Sexuality in Everyday Life," is not a requirement for a typical student. If a student believes some of the videos that will be shown to be obscene, it is entirely their decision to refrain from taking this class. Additionally, if a student who does not wish to view these films is enrolled in the course, it is that student's prerogative to exit the classroom in order to not see the movie.

Since neither the state of Kansas, nor the U.S. Congress or Supreme Court have ruled educational sex videos to be legally obscene, it is legal for Dailey to be showing these videos -- as long, of course, as the enrolled students are legal adults or have parental permission. Human sexuality is a valid and important field of study that should be taught and researched in greater detail, as it affects nearly all humans, and more importantly, the promulgation of our species. Dailey should be allowed use of these videos as he sees fit, as they are legal materials.

The Kansas State Senate must reexamine this legislation and revoke it. This amendment not only penalizes the University of Kansas for providing the best sexual education possible as defined by Dailey's teaching methods, but also limits the effectiveness of that learning process. Should Dailey be shackled into censorship, his students' learning will be negatively affected.

Attention faculty and staff: Do you have an opinion you would like to share with the campus?

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Have an opinion? Send us a letter.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

A Man Apart and Punch Drunk Love Bowling for Columbine

A Man Apart
by David Germain
AP Movie Writer

It took Sylvester Stallone three ``Rambos" and maybe four of his ``Rockys" over a 12-year period before he became painful to watch. Vin Diesel has managed the same with just a few movies in a couple of years.

As a Drug Enforcement Administration agent fighting a new menace among Mexican drug cartels in ``A Man Apart," Diesel turns not quite as ridiculous as Stallone at his worst, but he definitely cuts an unpleasant figure.

In ``A Man Apart," Diesel tries to be a loving husband and honorable crusader for justice turned to the dark side by grief and rage. No one's expecting ``Richard III" out of the guy, but Diesel is awkward and affected pretty much anytime he's not aiming punches or bullets.

Diesel plays agent Sean Vetter, who along with partner Demetrius Hicks (Larenz Tate) and a team of undercover narcotics cops, have just brought down a vicious Mexican drug kingpin (Geno Silva).

The leadership void among the cartels leads to the rise of a shadowy new figure called ``Diablo," who begins a bloody campaign to control U.S.-Mexico drug-running.

``A Man Apart" is just like ``Traffic," only moronic. The cartel leadership inexplicably orders a hit on Vetter, which makes about as much sense as a general trying to win a war by targeting a single foot soldier.

The senseless plot is meant only to connect the dots between the bloody action sequences. The idiocy of the story and Diesel's bad acting would not necessarily sink ``A Man Apart" if director F. Gary Gray had applied some finesse to the fisticuffs and gunplay.

The action often is edited with such choppy quick-cuts it's impossible to tell who's doing what to whom.

When captured early on, Silva's druglord warns Vetter, ``Things are only going to get worse for all of us."

Ditto for us as Diesel expands on his filmography.

Bowling for Columbine
Jimm Needle

Michael Moore is a documentary film maker who recently won an Oscar for his latest documentary Bowling for Columbine. When Bowling for Columbine comes out on video in a few weeks, make sure you rent it. This film makes a person feel dumb to be an American, but it does it in a way that a person can still feel optimistic that things can get better. This film focuses on issues that plague us as Americans: gun control, terrorism, and hate. I don't want to go into detail about the topics discussed in the film, but I can say that after viewing this film my opinion of the United States has been altered. I believe that Bowling for Columbine does not come out and say what is wrong with America, but it is infers what the issues are. While watching this film, be sure to catch NRA leader Charlton Heston and American Idol Dick Clark make themselves out to be two of America's greatest enemies. This isn't a film that everyone will like, but it is a film that everyone should see.

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See it at the cheap theatre ASAP.

Punch Drunk Love
Jimm Needle

Punch Drunk Love is another P.T. Anderson film. Anderson also directed Magnolia and Boogie Nights. Adam Sandler is the star of this film, but don't be misled. This is not a comedy. The fact that it is not a comedy automatically makes it Sandler's best work. The film is simple, it is about a man who is lonely and gets caught in a bad situation out of desperation. When things begin to turn around for that man, the past comes back to haunt him. If films like Mr. Deeds or The Water Boy are your type of fun then stay away from Punch Drunk Love. If you like smart intellectual films that don't make much sense on the first viewing, then I would recommend Punch Drunk Love. This film was not publisied and did not initially make much money at the box office, but I full heartedly recommend seeing this film at the cheap theatre as soon as you can.

Isaac's Rock Column: Musicians and anti-war

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Writer

This is the second part of my series dedicated to two things I am very passionate about in life: music and the anti-war movement. I believe we live in a very historical time period. This is a time in which I believe America will either have another great sociopolitical reawakening, or go into a downward spiral that can lead only to more injustice and oppression.

Zach de la Rocha is an old face in both music and politics who has been out of the public eye ever since the split of his former band, Rage Against the Machine. Recently, de la Rocha broke his long silence by releasing a song he did with DJ Shadow tiled, "March of Death," which is available for download at marchofdeath.com.

In related news, Audioslave (the remaining members of Rage Against the Machine with former Soundgarden frontman Chris Cornell) recently added a cover of Elvis Costello's "(What's So Funny 'Bout) Peace, Love and Understanding" to its live set.

"When was the last time you heard the word 'Afghanistan' in the news?" Audioslave guitarist Tom Morello said. "It was a country the U.S. carpet bombed into a lunar landscape to try to get one dude and didn't do such a good job. They killed 20,000 civilians - men, women and children who had nothing to do with the Taliban or al Qaeda - and failed to achieve their objectives. Also, going to war is a convenient way to cover up the Enron scandal, the president's horrible vocabulary, the fact that 40 million Americans are living below the poverty line and 50 million don't have any sort of health care."

Morello also pointed out that there's a chance that war against Iraq would make Americans more of a target than ever for terrorists.

Madonna recently shot a video for her new single, "American Life." The video expresses a panoramic view of our culture and looming war through the eyes of a female superhero portrayed by Madonna. Starting as a runway show of couture army fatigues, the fashion show escalates into a mad frenzy depicting the catastrophic repercussions and horrors of war.

"I have written a song and created a video which expresses my feelings about our culture and values and the illusions of what many people believe is the American dream - the perfect life," Madonna said. "As an artist, I hope this provokes thought and dialogue."

"I actually appreciate Madonna or anyone else making a statement of our times right now, because a lot of people are too scared to or they just don't care enough," System of a Down singer Serj Tankian said. For System's Daron Malakian, who has family in Iraq, war is personal. "We're not trying to point fingers or anything, but there's a lot of unjust feelings and sadness in the world, and personally, in my writing, a lot of that is coming out in a very frantic way. I can't explain it. It's definitely influential times to live in, and that's why it frustrates me to see some cheese balls coming out there and saying absolutely nothing with their music."

P. Diddy and Russell Simmons both say star-studded songs are in the works. Music mogul and activist Russell Simmons (Def Jam, Phat Farm, etc.) has recently spoken out against the war in Iraq via a printed antiwar ad as well as a televised public service announcement.

"Puffy is much more well known and liked around the world than George Bush, and Jay-Z is much more well known and liked around the world than Colin Powell," Simmons explained. "[The] country should operate more on love and compassion."

Fat Joe doesn't believe the Bush administration's assertion that Iraq poses a threat to the U.S. "It's all over oil," the rapper insisted. "The president comes from an oil-driven family, [and Saddam Hussein] is the same guy who [his father] tried to kill when he was president.

We entrust our president to not be biased and ... not [have] personal beef. I think this is personal beef."

Rapper DMC agrees that there are plenty of domestic issues to be tended to. "Our government needs to mind their business," he said. "We try to force our help [on others] when we should focus on fixing the problems here first."

In a recent speech in Washington about the reinstatement of the draft, rapper Ice-T said, "I think the mandatory draft is the closest thing you can come to slavery. Being able to tell somebody they gotta do something and potentially die; that's scary to me. This military adventurism could potentially have a horrific boomerang effect and whip up a cycle of violence that no one can see the end to," he said. "If Bush's real goal is to make the world a safer place, the real way to fight terrorism is to deal with the underlying issues of conflict and inequality in the Middle East and around the world, and not carpet bombing any country that doesn't do our bidding."

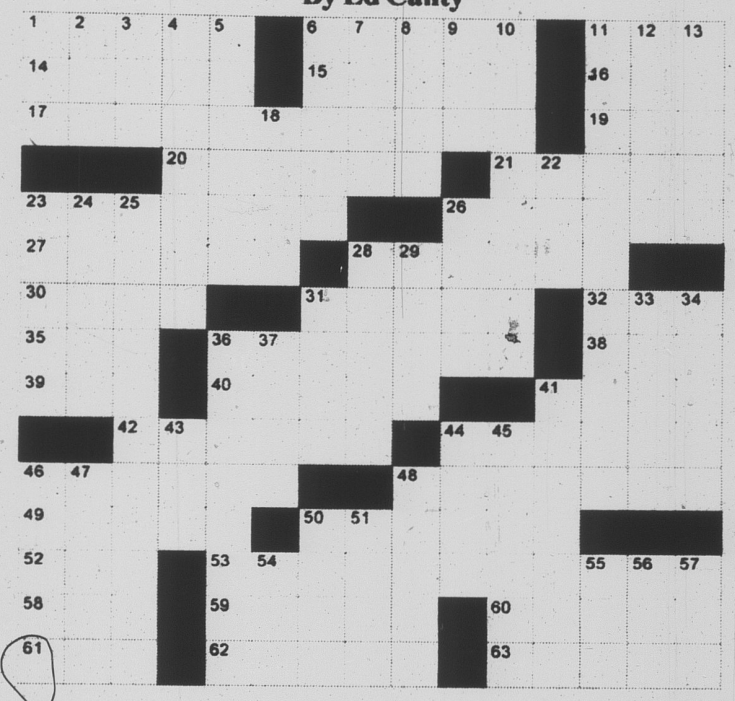
As far as local antiwar news goes, Pittsburgh-based punk band, Anti-Flag, will be playing a benefit concert for the Thomas Merton Center legal defense fund (the 122 protesters arrested on March 20) and Pittsburgh Indymedia. It will be this Saturday, April 5 at 7 p.m. at Project 1877 (4805 Penn Avenue) and only costs $7.

There is also a group of students going to a protest in Erie, PA this Sunday, and a group of students going to Washington DC the following week. Contact me for more information. Isaac Ludwig: ludwigih@westminster.edu.

Crossword 101

Star Gazing

By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

Computers make it easier to do a lot of things, but most of the things they make it easier to do don't need to be done.

• • • *Andy Rooney*

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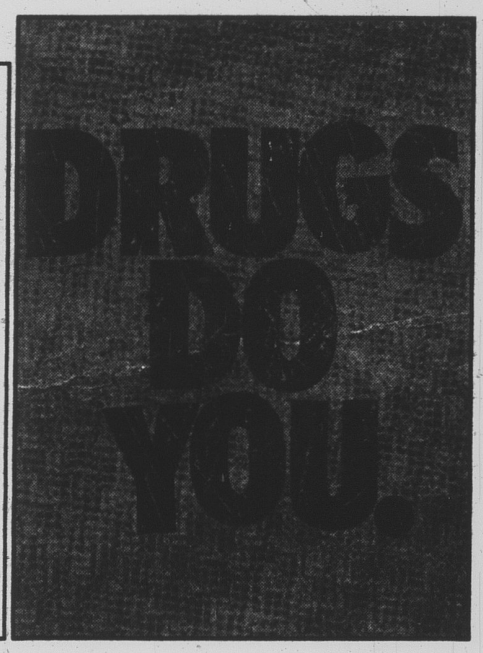


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
It's time to let well enough alone. Learn to recognize when you've done all you can, and move on. Hindsight is always 20-20, so learn from mistakes and decide to do better next time. If you exercise a little patience, your rewards will be evident.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Love is everywhere during the week. Either a current love is rekindled or you may be in for a new attraction. In any case, the rules have changed, and even if with an old flame, the relationship is completely new. Being around positive people will lift your spirits.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
If the attitudes of others seem to be holding you back, it's time to be a little more self-centered in order to get yourself back into the swing of what is good for you. A little separation from others can be a good thing. Opportunities will abound, look for them.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
You have a reason to be proud of your output and quality of work this week. Work will provide you with a welcome respite from other worries. If your attitude concerning a relationship does not seem to change, you may be looking at the situation from the wrong view. Don't try so hard.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
If you have been running yourself ragged, preventative measures may be needed to keep your health up to par. Money is likely to be tight for the near future, but don't let it stop you from making plans to get away on vacation. Your lover is an absolute joy to you.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
If you ponder over the "what if's", even more questions will arise. It's not worth putting yourself through such self criticism. What's done is done, and you can only resolve to do better next time. Your drive for perfection is unrealistic, for there is no such thing as perfection.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
If there is a change in plans this week, make the best of the situation. Something very promising may come of what seems to be a missed opportunity. Your love life is getting back on track, so take the opportunity to work out details, and go slowly with your mate.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Your hardwork is not always noticed or appreciated by others. Whatever you do must satisfy you first - relying on others will keep you feeling disappointed. Sweet memories may cause you to look back on the past with a sense of loss and some regret - the good old days.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
It just might come to blows with a loved one during this week. Give each other time to cool off before approaching the subject in a reasonable mood. Good news about money may lighten up your mood a bit. The way you use information presented to you pleases your superiors.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Your nature insists you follow the rules, but an acquaintance who is more of a free spirit, prefers spontaneity - learn from him. Don't fall into the trap of judging others, remember that you don't know what motivates and influences others to do what they do. Take a firm hand on money matters.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Your personal brand of creativity is crying out to be let loose, allow time for this expression to take place, and don't be too attached to producing immediate masterpieces. If a problem is backing you into a corner, focus your energies on diffusing it.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Keeping your feelings under wrap will create the illusion of control. If you take the risk of expressing yourself to a loved one, no one will care if you break down. It's going to hurt falling down - but you are better off jumping in, instead of watching from a distance.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your creative energies express themselves in very tangible ways. You do not build castles in the sky, but tend to put down roots and build useful things which are meant to last. Your life work will always involve building and growing.

FEATURE

People in your neighborhood

Name: Allison Evans
Year at Westminster: senior
Major: Art

What is your astrology sign? Sun in Auqarius Moon in Scorpio. I'm obsessed with this stuff so you don't even really want to get me started.

What is your strongest addiction? Cigarettes, I talk and talk about quitting, but never do. I hate them.

First child's name? Aryanna Elizabeth for a girl and Evan for a boy.

Someone who always makes you laugh? Melissa Toy, she's gonna be on Saturday Night Live someday, along with all the girls in the DC! WOOT!

Where do you want to live when you grow up? Definitely by the ocean, definitely someplace cool like San Fran, London, North Carolina, or Wales.

What is your goal in life? To spread my art and ideas to the world, while furthering world peace and happiness. Also to be a fashion designer . . . also to have a red jeep with a black rag top :)

What is your preferred toothpaste brand? Whatever mom buys.

What is your favorite season? Spring, everything is being born again. Everyone is in a good mood cause their winter hibernation is over, the birds are singing, flowers blooming, and the butterflies have come to play.

How many times a day do you check your e-mail? I used to be a junkie now it is just once a day, if that.

Tell me a story about yourself... This one time in Paris I was very inebriated after sitting in the Hardrock Cafe Paris. My two friends wanted to stay and drink so I walked outside looking for a taxi, couldn't find one so I sat with this bum in the street. We were talking 1/2 French 1/2 English. A street vendor went by and the bum bought me a flower. About an hour later, I see my friends walking by. I'm like, "HEYGUYS!" They are like, "ALLISON! What are you doing?" So they put me in a taxi and put me to bed, and made fun of me the rest of the trip.

Name: Melissa Toy
Year at Westminster: Junior
Major: Broadcast Communications

What is your astrology sign? Taurus

What is your strongest addiction? Nyquil.

First child's name? Ezekeil.

Someone who always makes you laugh? Jess, my sister.

Where do you want to live when you grow up? Nebraska.

What is your goal in life? My goal in life is to be on Saturday Night Live.

What is your preferred toothpaste brand? This colored striped thing.

What is your favorite season? I like the end of spring/all of summer. I like to see things change.

How many times a day do you check your e-mail? Like 2, maybe.

Tell me a story about yourself... How about when I swam on the kitchen floor.

Coming back to the states: Home sweet home?

by Carolyn Miller
Contributing Writer

I've been back in the states for almost four months now. I've had time to get myself reacquainted with this country, its money system, and its personality. I've spent time with my family, my friends, and plunged myself headfirst back into my major.

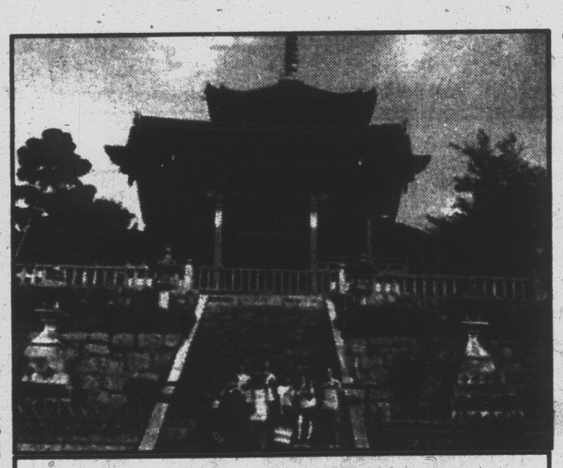
And now, I think I want to go back.

My four months in Japan weren't the best four months of my life. But they definitely weren't the worst. They were my first real chance to see another culture first-hand, to learn how people operate day-to-day in other societies. I was able to start learning a new language with classes and by immersion. It was an amazing experience that I would encourage anyone to undergo.

Of course, near the end of last semester, I was desperate to come home. It was the fact that I knew I was going to be home that inspired that desperation. And now, I miss being the gaijin, the foreigner that sticks out like a sore thumb, the hennagajin that most Japanese people wanted to stay away from.

I miss speaking Japanese. After three months of blowing it off, I finally pulled my textbook out and started teaching myself. I'm amazed at how good a book it is, as I'm actually learning things. Last week I learned comparisons! Animenoeiga nohouga Nihonnoeiga yori omoshiroidesuyo!

Cashiers are so much ruder here. Japanese cashiers will smile, and speak to you in the most complicated form of their language as a way of humbling themselves. They talk in pleasant tones, and are good at gesturing when you have no clue what they're saying. First they ring up your purchase, then they bag it and hand the bag over to you, and then they take your money. The order of that sort of thing really confused me when I got back home, where they want the money before they're even going to bag the items.



Carolyn and her friends in front of the Kiyomizudera temple in Kyoto.

Of all things, I miss walking to class. I complained last semester because of the half-hour walk, but that was thirty minutes I had to myself to think about things before school, and then an additional thirty to wind down after school. I've been so busy this semester that I treasure whatever time I can grab for myself.

In Japan, I lost more than 10 pounds from exercise and diet. Now that I'm back in the US, I've gained almost all that weight back. It doesn't help that the cafeteria's "Eat Right" bar is smaller than my desk, and that a typical Grill burger has at least 500 calories. I have a rice cooker, but I never have any time (or money) to cook myself a decent meal.

I had so much more free time last semester. Even though I took four classes, there was so much time spent walking and cooking, and I still had quite a bit of free time. There were arcades within walking distance, and getting from town to town was easy, thanks to the trains. Not to mention the amount of restaurants in the area.

One that that was very odd when I came home was that I was suddenly not of age to drink. In Japan, the drinking age is 20, so my friends took me out on my birthday weekend and I had my first alcoholic drink. And while I saw a lot of my roommates go out every night and get wasted, drinking just became an occasional social activity. We'd go out to eat, stop at the Beatles Café, get a drink, and go play video games. But now that I'm home, I have to wait until October to be legal here.

What hurts the most is when I look at my scrapbook and see all the pictures of my friends from Kansai Gaidai, smiling happily as we pose or play. I'm horrible at communication, and so are they, so even emails rarely get sent. My former roommate Tavya sent me a letter with a picture of me and my friend Kyle, and I nearly cried because I missed them both so much. Tavya lives in New Jersey, and Kyle is still back in Japan.

It's so hard to be back home. There are times when I'd give almost anything to be back in last semester, walking to school and speaking Japanese every day. In an ideal world, I could teach myself Japanese to the point of fluency and then move back, but I know that's unlikely. But like so many of us here at Westminster, I still have no clue where I'm going to end up after I graduate, so it will always be a possibility.

>>Insert angry voice here<<

The Etiquette of Quitting: Is it Practical, or is it Pride?

by Drew Huston
Staff Writer

I have a lot of pet peeves. I guess a lot of you know that. I mean, you kind of need someone who is critical of things in order to have a column of usually nonsensical rants like the ones I write. However, if I may, I'd like to share with you, my fellow Westminsterites, yet another annoyance that plagues me from time to time – quitting.

Now, I myself have quit things – we all have, and I just want to get this out before anything else – and in certain situations, quitting can be the wisest course of action (for instance that stats course that sent cold shivers down your spine the moment you read your syllabus). No friends, I'm very guilty of quitting things, too.

The point of debate I'd like to raise lies in the motivations behind some instances of quitting – namely pride and resentment. I am a proud person – anybody who knows me knows that I'm very proud of who I am, of what I do, of what I believe and of my accomplishments. That pride can be a huge obstacle for me also – sometimes I am so worried about wounding my pride that I hurt others. This, my friends, is not the way to be – believe me, I know from experience.

Quitting can therefore be a manifestation of this defensiveness – if one's pride has been wounded, they may want to cut all ties with that (or whom, as the case may be) which has wounded them. It makes sense – eliminate the thing that causes you pain in your life.

What bothers me about it is how deceptively easy it is to just quit. It's quite easy to just drop everything and try to cut your losses, especially concerning issues of pride. Giving up means the least amount of pain and also is quite logical from a pragmatic standpoint.

When we are burned, we put salve on the wound. When a dog bites us, we usually stay away from that dog. It makes sense to do so, so why not matters where we are not physically wounded, yet wounded just the same? Well, as is so often the case, the rules are set in opposition when emotions are involved.

In matters of pride, a good way to feel better about the issue is to work your way through it, and eventually let it go. Usually by swallowing that aching burn of a wounded ego and pushing forward, more progress can be made toward getting over the problem…at least in my opinion. If people neglect to work their way through such things, I believe they can only breed resentment, which, in the long run, makes you feel much worse than enduring wounded pride in your quest to get over your pain (the misery is only temporary, I promise).

A personal example of this is my loss of the SGA Election. You all probably know that I ran for President this spring, and lost. That's fine. On the eve of my loss, I was, naturally, quite depressed. I vowed that I wouldn't be on SGA again, because I was so bitter about losing. But I thought about it for a long time, and came to the conclusion that I could either be bitter at Slate Atkins for the remainder of my college career, I could quit SGA, and I could be cynical about everything SGA does from now on.

But then I realized that I got into SGA to help people, not to be President and nothing else. I got into SGA to make a difference and to make life better for students. I can do that as a senator in many ways. I'll have the satisfaction that I helped people, and that's all I need.

I could easily have quit and cut my losses. It's hard sitting in on the meetings while other people are doing the jobs I wanted so badly to do. I'm working through it, and, I hope, helping people by doing what I set out to.

I'm sure that by doing this, I feel a lot better than I would have felt had I just quit.The motivation behind one's want to quit is very important – is it practical, or is it pride? If it is practical, then quit – after all, it makes sense to, and you're doing it for the right reasons. If it is pride-based, please, try to stick it out. It's hard, believe me, as one of the greatest egomaniacs on this campus, I know, but it's worth it in the long run.

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Day of Silence heard across campus

by Nikki Pencak
Staff Writer

"We need to speak up for those who have been silenced," said Allies advisor Dr. Joshua Corrette-Bennett in reference to Westminster's Day of Silence on April 9. The event was sponsored by Allies, and the protest corresponded with others like it throughout the world.

The protest has become increasingly far reaching since it first took place at the University of Virginia in 1996, and has even extended beyond the United States. The purpose of the Day of Silence was to peacefully protest against discrimination and violence endured everyday by those who are singled out due to their sexual orientation.

A day prior to the protest and on the actual day of the event, Allies organized informational tables outside of the TUB and the cafeteria. People who participated in the Day of Silence wore purple armbands, and some participants chose to not speak from eight in the morning to five in the afternoon. The choice to remain silent all day acted as a reminder of the silence imposed upon those who are oppressed because of their sexual orientation.

First-year student Heather Storm commented on any misconceptions on the purple arm bands.

"Wearing the purple armband doesnt necessarily mean youre gay...it just means you disapprove of what homosexuals are forced to endure," she said.

According to Corrette-Bennett, the idea of the day was to make people aware through non-violent protest that the traditional school environment often discriminates against those who are not heterosexual.

Corrette-Bennett further explained the power and significance of the day. "Many of the students who are discriminated against or who suffer physical abuse are people who could make significant contributions to our society," he said. "I use the past tense because all too often the abuse leads to trauma or even murder, and these voices and minds become silenced."

Sophomore Tom Oyer offered his ideas on the day and the campus' reaction to the protest. "This event was very interesting because it was the first day of silence we have put on here at WC. I would say for a first time protest, it has been very successful. While we did meet with some slight resistance, overall we received encouragement from numerous faculty and students."

photo by Aly Karg

Allies members prepared information for the rest of campus about the Day of Silence

Recruiting agencies encourage military service

by Sarah Bowers
Staff Writer

In the wake of the recent war in Iraq, local recruiting agencies are encouraging people of all ages to serve in the forces.

The Sharon Military Recruiting Agency reported a noticeable increase in the number of army recruits during the months following the World Trade Center bombing on Sep. 11. Since that time, the number of recruits has fallen dramatically. While recruiting officials have found it harder to contact people for interviews, they have been successful in meeting the monthly requirements for every division of the military. Sergeant Rider of the Sharon recruiting center said that more people should take advantage of the opportunities the military has to offer.

"You can't find a job that provides paid on-the-job training, money for college tuition, and $65,000 in student loans all in one employment plan," he said.

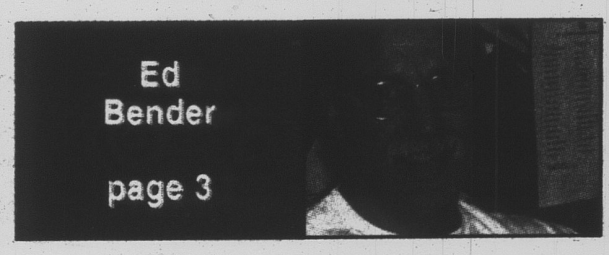
While many individuals fail to recognize the benefits of joining the military, some realize the positive aspects. Recruiters play a key role in disseminating information to those who wish to protect the freedom of the American forces.

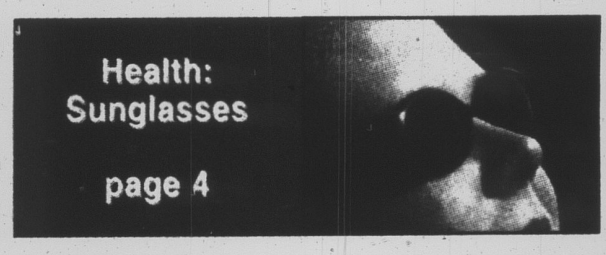
The recruiting center in Alliance, Ohio prefers interviewing individuals as opposed to mass mailings. High school seniors and high school graduates are the primary target groups that recruiting centers try to reach. Sergeant Hunter of the Alliance recruiting center stated that although interest in the military has increased in the wake of the war in Iraq, actual enrollment numbers have remained steady as compared to previous months. These numbers have not increased, because many individuals lack the qualifications necessary to join. High school seniors in good standing at graduation, as well as high school graduates and individuals that have earned a GED, are all eligible to enlist in the military.

According to Hunter, the military provides guidance that can be useful in future endeavors.

"I think all people should enlist in the military for at least two years, because it instills a sense of discipline and maturity," he said.

For further information on military enrollment, contact the Sharon recruiting center at 724-981-9544, or the Alliance recruiting center at 330-823-3233.





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CAMPUS NEWS

Seniors prepare for art show

by Kylee Hasson
Staff Writers

Most seniors spend their final year writing capstone papers, but the senior art majors spent the year creating artwork to display at the Senior Art Show.

Each senior will present his or her body of work to family, friends, and the general public on April 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the art gallery. The audience will also have the opportunity to hear the students explain and comment on their work. The five seniors presenting work are Allison Evans, Aly Karg, Samor Himes, Erin Pugh and Joseph W. Gill II. In addition to creating a theme for their work, the students also designed the basic structure of the show.

"The have the responsibility of organizing the space, announcements, and reception," professor Peggy Cox said.

Several of the students feel the art show provides numerous benefits, such as the opportunity to showcase their work for the campus community.

Evans, who will present an "Allison Wonderland" theme that will include costumes, sculptures, and a "mad tea party," explained that the effort required to create a successful show was a benefit in itself.

"It makes you aware of all the work it takes to put together a show of your work," Evans said. "It prepares you for the real world and lets you display your artistic talent to the Westminster community".

Gill, whose theme combines digital photographs and computer graphics to explore the deaf and blind way of life, agreed.

photo by Aly Karg

(L-R) Joe Gill, Samor Hines, Aly Karg, Erin Pugh and Allison Evans

"You get a chance to show your work to the public, get the experience of talking to a large crowd, get your name out if you plan to be a full time artist and to get the feeling of satisfaction when someone comments on your work," he said.

The themes reflect each student's specialized interest, as well as his or her own personal style. One student will introduce a new form of artwork to the show while another will explore a more traditional form.

"I am presenting rustic furniture which includes chairs, benches, and picture frames," Himes said. "No one has ever made rustic furniture for the show."

Karg's presentation will focus on the manipulation of images through black and white photography.

"All [of the] images will be printed and manipulated in the darkroom by hand," she said. "I am going to be doing a lot of double exposure printing where I will use multiple negatives to create my images."

For those interested in attending, the show is open to the public and a reception will follow the presentations.

Former college president's wife dies at age 95

by Isaac Ludwig
Staff Writer

"With sadness I announce the passing of Eloise Reid Orr. Eloise was the wife of [Dr.] Will W. Orr, who served as the ninth president of Westminster College from 1949-67," said President R. Thomas Williamson. Orr died Friday, April 4, 2003 at the age of 95 in the Southminster Retirement Community in Charlotte, North Carolina where she had lived for the last 16 years.

According the obituary from the "Charlotte Observer," Mrs. Orr was the gracious hostess for much college entertaining. Mr. And Mrs. Orr both enjoyed teaching waterskiing as a hobby and taught hundreds of students, faculty and staff to water-ski on the college lake. Eloise Orr was the author of two books: "Lion by the Tail," an autobiographical account of their church (an Associate Reformed Presbyterian church in Melbourne Beach, Florida) planting of Chapel by the Sea, and a second book, "Better Then or Now?", an autobiographical story of growing up in Charlotte on a large farm in the early 1900s. She was also a regular contributor of articles and stories to Christian magazines.

Mrs. Orr and her husband served in Presbyterian pastorates in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania and Des Moines, Iowa. She often said her life goal was simple: "To go to heaven and take as many people with her as possible." Her life has been a fulfillment of that goal.

"We are grateful to God for the life of Eloise Orr. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Orr family as they gather to remember her wonderful spirit," President Williamson said.

Memorials may be sent to the Will and Eloise Orr Scholarship Fund at Westminster College.

SWAT looking to expand membership for new year

by Amie Hack
Staff Writer

The Student Westminster Admissions Team is the campus organization for students who want to share their enthusiasm for the college with prospective students.

According to Associate Director of Admissions Jason B. Nevinger, being a member of SWAT means more than just being a tour guide. Although members are required to give a minimum of four tours each semester, they must spend time meeting and greeting prospective students in the Admissions lobby for one hour per week. They also must take part in at least one campus visitation day per semester. Therefore, members must have a strong passion to spread their satisfaction with the school on to potential college students.

"It is a good way to tell people how special a place Westminster is," Nevinger said. "This is a group of people who love Westminster, enjoy their time here, and are just glad to be here."

Nevinger emphasized that being a member of SWAT is also a great opportunity for students to build on their communication skills by working with so many different types of people. He stated that it is a good fit for students who want to find themselves in careers where they must deal with people.

SWAT members certainly do deal with many people, both inside and outside the organization. The group is made up of Nevinger, President Courtney Henry, and three vice presidents. Melissa Batulis is Vice President of Finance, Amanda Ries is Vice President of Events, and Lauren Annibale is Vice President of Public Relations. In addition to Nevinger and the four student leaders, SWAT has about 65 members. Working hours are flexible, and there are no weekly meetings. Nevinger does, however, meet with each member individually in the fall to reflect and assess how the job is going.

Getting a job with SWAT is a simple process. If interested students did not have the chance to attend the informational meeting on April 10 in Phillips Lecture Hall, they can pick up an application at the meeting or any time from the Admissions Office. After handing in the application, selected applicants, who must have a minimum GPA of 2.5, will be interviewed during the week of April 21.

"We're always looking for new members," Annibale said. "Being in SWAT, you learn to appreciate the school a lot more by learning what it has to offer compared to other schools."

Students selected to be on SWAT will go through a short training process when they come back in the fall, and then will begin giving tours immediately. These SWAT members are extremely important not only to prospective students, but to the college as well.

"When most people think of SWAT, they think of them as just tour guides," Nevinger said. "But they're more than just tour guides; they're ambassadors of the college."

Once a member of SWAT, students are expected to give tours, greet families, and try to open dialogue with prospective students through e-mail, telephone, and campus projects. Nevinger feels that SWAT members are really an extension of the admissions counselors.

"Above all else, I think that one-on-one connection that prospectives get with Westminster students is by and large what we [SWAT members] do," Nevinger said.

The most recent event sponsored by SWAT was a Campus Visitation Day on Sunday, April 6. Another will occur on April 26. At these visitation days, SWAT members provide tours and student panels for the interested high school students. SWAT also just held their annual Spring Fling, a reception for accepted students. Many events are held throughout the year to attract and retain future freshmen.

SWAT activities occur exclusively for members as well. An initial "welcome back" meeting is held in the fall, a Christmas party occurs in December, and an end-of-the-year banquet takes place in the spring. These parties, which are open to all SWAT members, are another good reason to join SWAT. Members normally have several motivations to join, however.

"I joined SWAT because I like the opportunity to help people with their college search and I like to share my pride for Westminster with other people," Ries said.

For more information about joining SWAT, students can visit the Admissions office, or contact Nevinger at extension 7125.

Police brutality becoming problem at marches

by Melissa Logan
Staff Writer

Local students nearly escaped arrest March 30 at a weekend war protest. Marchers estimate 400 to 500 protesters participated in the Frick Park demonstration against war in Iraq.

The unauthorized march progressed only 20 minutes before three marchers were arrested. Edgewood, Swissvale, Pittsburgh and Wilkinsburg police were on hand to ensure safety. Some protestors question the police's tactics at maintaining order.

"We were basically ambushed. The cops didn't even give us a chance to get back on the sidewalks before attacking," said junior Ken Jae, a protestor at the event.

Police arrested three people and sprayed many others with pepper spray.

"I saw what was happening ahead of me and took a few steps back to avoid being sprayed," Jae said.

Police claim that protesters threw rocks and other objects prompting the attack. Protestors disagree, saying that nothing was thrown, and that police were just waiting for the minute to attack.

"Basically, from my understanding, there was only one police officer who made this claim," said junior protestor Isaac Ludwig. "Most sources have retracted the police officer's previous statements. If these events actually happened, they weren't in correlation with the arrests."

"I think that 500 people not retaliating shows a lot of discipline. We could have fought back, but we didn't," Jae said.

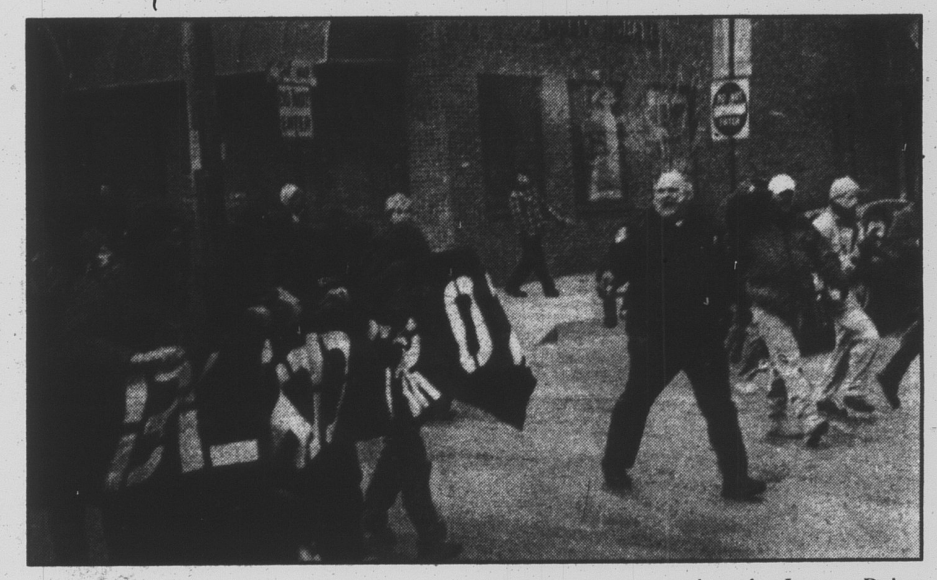


photo by Jeremy Baker

Several Pittsburgh police are under review for use of excessive force.

Videotapes of the day's events will be released to the public after an American Civil Liberties Union civil suit is complete. ACLU "watch dogs" donning orange armbands observed the day's events. They are filing a joint case on behalf of the protestors claiming that police used inappropriate force against the demonstrators.

A number of protesters plan their own legal actions against the police forces. A former police officer is one of the people filing a complaint.

"These events often get touted as being unpermitted, but it takes 45 days to get a march approved," Ludwig said. "When there is a pressing issue to protest, there isn't enough time."

Just ten days earlier, on March 20, nearly 800 war protestors gathered at the William S. Moorehead Federal Building in Pittsburgh. This protest against war in Iraq lasted only three hours, but the legal system was grappling well into the night with paperwork resulting from the 122 arrests made after the march turned violent.

The event began peacefully with protest organizers meeting with local police just before the march stepped off. Marchers planned a snake formation, a nonviolent action weaving though rush-hour traffic. Officers suggested that marchers stay on the sidewalks, threatening action if they did not comply.

The evening became disorderly when front-row marchers turned toward Mellon Arena rather than returning to the march's starting point.

Upset that a motorist had attempted to ram a slow-moving protester, the crowd became unruly. Some tried to pull the license plate off the car and inflict other damage. Newspaper boxes were thrown onto the Smithfield Street Bridge.

Police ordered protestors to disperse. When they did not leave quickly enough, many were handcuffed and arrested. Most of those arrested faced charges of failure to disperse and obstructing public passage.

Police defend their actions, saying that the march was growing more hostile.

"Police had no choice but to act the way they did because of three differences from previous marches-time, tenor and defiance," acting Police Chief Charles Moffatt said.

Marchers disagree with officials, believing that police were targeting younger organizers.

It was the largest march for which organizers had not obtained a city parade permit, and it was technically illegal for participants to leave the sidewalk.

"We know people have the right to protest, to march, to say things," Moffatt said. "I think where some people went wrong is that they were infringing on other peoples' rights."

Most protesters who could prove PA residency were released on their own recognizance. Others faced $125 bond. The maximum penalty protesters could face is six to 12 months in prison. Typically, magistrates handle misdemeanor charges rising from demonstrations as summary offenses, punishable by a $300 fine, 90 days in jail, or both.

A small number of Westminster students plan to attend this weekend's Washington D.C. rally, anticipating 100,000 protestors turning out for the event.

Ed Bender: Everyone's favorite equipment manager

by Jennifer Raub
Staff Writer

Ed Bender, the equipment manager for all sports teams on campus, is responsible for anything regarding the field house or fields. Among other things, he lines the fields and maintains the weight room.

"I try to make everyone's job easier, but it makes my job harder," Bender said. "It is my job to make things easier for the coaches and athletes."

Bender and his wife, Diane, reside in New Wilmington and have two sons and a daughter. He attended New Castle high school and Slippery Rock University. While at Slippery Rock, Bender played varsity soccer for four years. He also participated in baseball, fast-pitch softball, and ran track. Bender has been a staple in the college community for three years.

"He's the reason coaches sleep at night. If there's a problem, whether it is with uniforms, equipment or anything like that, he usually has it fixed before anyone knew it was a problem," said sophomore softball player, Elizabeth King. "Athletes spend a lot of time in the field house. Ed makes it easier to keep coming back."

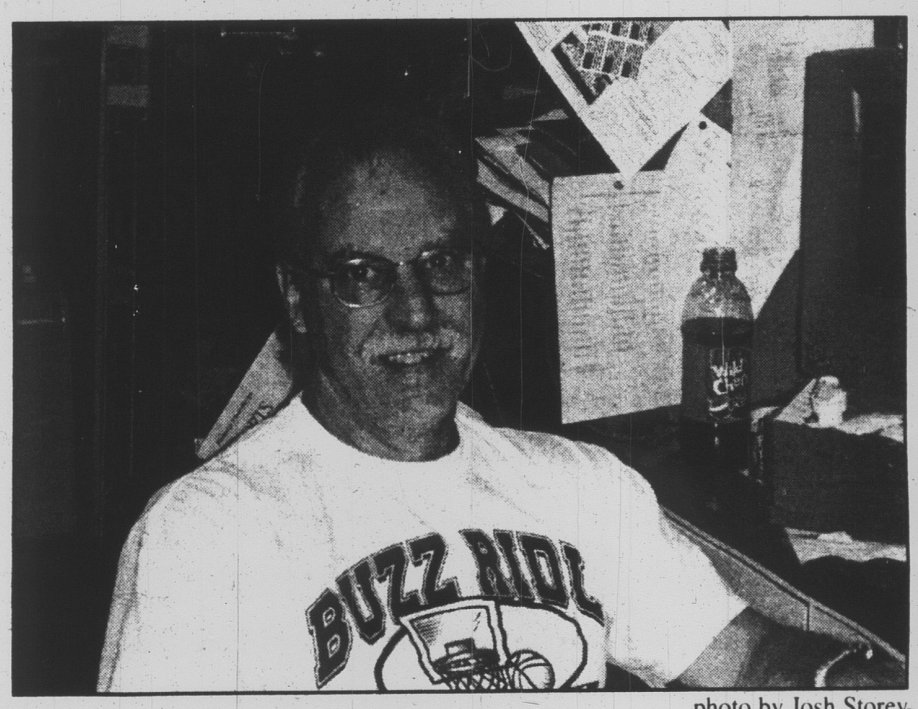
As with any job, there are favorable aspects. He appreciates the respect he gets, and the friendships that have come from his job.

"He is a friend to everyone. He is so nice and I love Ed," said senior soccer player Erin Quinlan.

Bender also enjoys watching the teams win and helping them in this process.

"We try to treat every athlete and visitor first-class," Bender said. "Although it's nice to win, sometimes you lose and that's part of life, part of growing up."

Bender's job requires him to work a possible seventeen-hour day. During the free time that he does have, he enjoys sitting on Conneaut beach and dancing on Sunday afternoons. Bender is a tremendous asset to the campus community.



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Ed Bender is responsible for all things regarding the field house.

Your Student Government Association

By Erin Halpin
Contributing Writer

Here is what's going on this week with your SGA:

Mike Dines was sworn in as a new senator. Congratulations, Mike!

Today, Friday, is the last day to sign up for VolleyRock. It is $4 per person. Don't forget to sign up! Last week, I said the t-shirt color was going to be orange. I lied. Not really, but there has been a change of plans. The color orange is not going to work with the design, so the winner of the t-shirt design contest will choose the color. I am thinking the color might be a light blue. I guess we will just have to wait and see...

The SGA banquet for last year's senate, executive slate, and this year's executive slate will be held in Russell Dining Hall on Wednesday, April 23, at 5 p.m.

A letter has been prepared about the Food Advisory Committee, and it will be sent out to all student organizations. So look out for it.

If you don't have any plans this Friday, walk over to the Down Under to catch guitarist Edgar Cruz.

Start putting your teams together for the College Bowl. It is still on for Sunday, April 27th.

Here's some good news for you: We will be getting new cable in July. They are talking about having The Weather Channel, TLC, and Comedy Central.

Tickets are still available for the Everclear/Clarks concert tonight at W & J. Tickets are $10. Keep your calendars open for a Pirates game on April 27th and Kennywood Day on May 4th.

The VolleyRock-like event planned for this fall was named "Fall Fest." This new event will include flag football, karaoke, a cookout, and some other good stuff.

That is all for this week. As always, you are more than welcome to come to our meetings held Wednesday evenings on the third floor of Patterson. Send us your questions, suggestions, and comments!

Sunny weather can be a danger to eyes

by Sarah Patterson
Staff Writer

The clouds will soon be parting, which will bring brighter days and people busting out the cool shades. Sunglasses have been popular with people for many years, both for comfort and as a fashion accessory. However, it is also important to wear sunglasses for protection and long-term health of your eyes.

For most people, the eye's cornea and lens do a fairly good job of blocking UVA rays under normal light conditions, such as light reflection and long-term exposure. However, there are some people who are at greater risk for UV related eye damage. To prevent cataracts, which affect one million Americans each year, certain cautions should be taken.

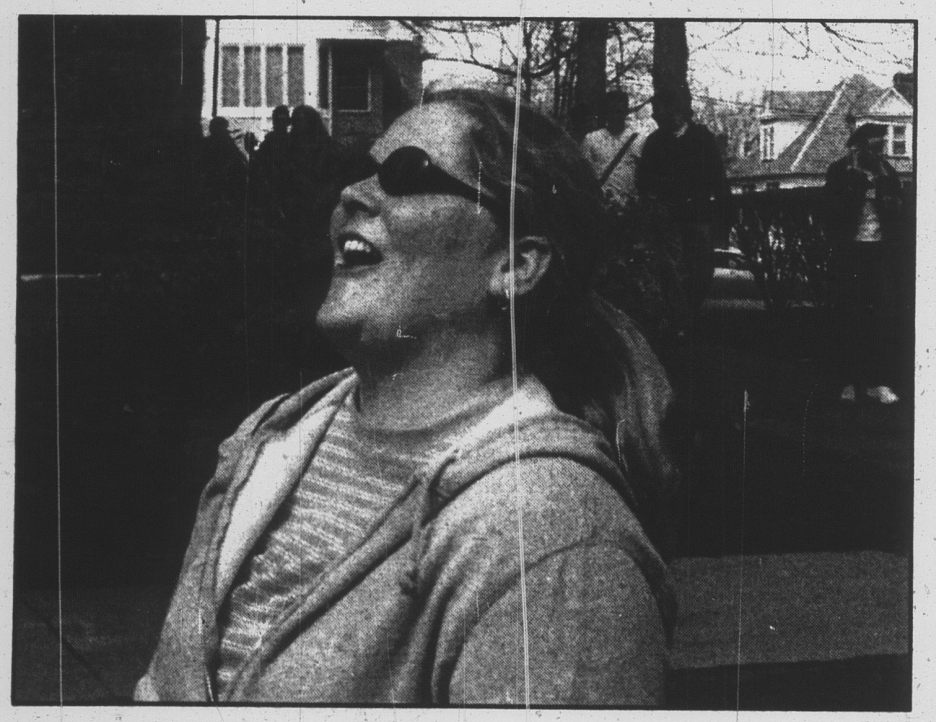
Junior Kimberly Klappert is an optician who recommends polarized sunglasses, which blocks out UVA rays and prevents glare from the road and reduces reflection. Other sunglasses that are just tinted cannot provide the adequate protection that is required to prevent UVA rays from eye damage. The polarized glasses have a special treatment that enables a person to have crystal clear vision and protects the eye from long-term damage.

"They are a little more money but I definitely feel that it is worth it" Klappert said.

Despite the protection that polarized glasses can provide, many people do not like to wear sunglasses for a number of reasons. First-year student Beth Randall only likes to wear sunglasses when she is driving.

"I don't really like how they look on my face," she said.

Others wear sunglasses without giving it a second thought. Sarah Bolger, a first-year student, buys her sunglasses for style but mainly for protection.



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Junior Ashley Mondale demonstrates the proper use of sunglasses.

"I think they look cool but if they don't protect my eyes then I won't waste my money," Bolger said.

Mike Newland, a junior, wears sunglasses so he is not blinded when he is driving. When asked if he had ever thought about what kind of damage the sun can have on his eyes during a long period of time, he claimed he had never taken the warnings seriously.

"It crossed my mind but as long as I remember what my mom told me 'Never look directly into the sun,' I think I will live," Newland said.

When looking for that perfect pair of sunglasses, here are a few tips that you might want to consider. Do not be misled by UVA labels. If you have any questions, consult your optometrist's advice.

Ordinary sunglasses cannot protect your eyes from certain intense light sources, such as tanning lights and gazing directly at the sun. Looking at these light sources without adequate protection can cause painful and permanent corneal damage. So, before you pay for that top brand of designer glasses, check to see if they have UVA protection. Your sight is worth it.

PRSSA gives back to the community

by Christopher Hatch
Staff Writer

On April 12 at this year's Relay for Life, the Public Relations Student Society of America will be doing its part to increase awareness of organ donation.

The PRSSA has assembled a committee specifically devoted to this event. They plan on setting up a booth at this year's Relay for Life to pass out pens, pencils, informational brochures and pamphlets stating some religious views and myths of organ donation. Their goal is to improve awareness of the issue's importance. They will also pass out organ donation cards for people to fill out and keep in their purses or wallets. These cards signify that the carrier is an organ donor, so that in the unfortunate case of an accident, authorities will know of their intentions to donate. The PRSSA's goal is to take full advantage of Relay for Life and ultimately improve knowledge regarding the specifics of organ donation. Committee for Organ Donation Awareness Chair, Katie Clark, realizes the opportunity that Relay for Life has brought to PRSSA.

"We figured that since Relay for Life is such an important thing to promote life and hope, it would be good to tie the two together," Clark said. PRSSA's involvement with organ donation awareness is part of a national contest for PRSSA chapters. The contest is based on the idea of effectively disseminating the proper information on the subject of organ donation. PRSSA president-elect, Melissa Logan, said that the goals of the event are more specific than just promoting awareness.

"One of our more specific goals for this event is to promote communication within each specific family about whether or not relatives are organ donors," she said.

What most people do not know about organ donation is that it may not be completely their decision. The truth is that once it comes time to donate an organ, it is up to the family of the victim to allow it. If family members are unaware of the victim's intentions to donate, then the decision is up to them. The family of a victim can actually override his or her decision to donate organs.

In order to measure the affect that their campaign will have, PRSSA members surveyed over 150 Westminster students regarding their feelings on organ donation. The surveys consisted of questions regarding whether or not the person asked was an organ donor and why, and whether or not their family was aware of their intentions to donate organs.

One of the surveyors was PRSSA member, Mary Huebert. "Most people surveyed were very willing to participate, and most seemed to know the importance of organ donation," she said. Since April is National Donate Life month, PRSSA plans on setting up another booth at the Spring Honors Convocation on April 26. Logan said these events were chosen because of the level of family participation involved.

"Both Relay for Life and the Spring Honors Convocation give us a chance to not only reach the student, but also reach their families," she said

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Communication going overseas continues to get high-tech

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) Before e-mail, there was V-mail.

It was a high-tech way for troops to communicate with their loved ones at home during World War II.

In this two-week-old war in Iraq, high-tech means troops e-mailing their families. The messages are reassuring and appear to be fairly steady, judging by comments I've heard from family members.

We populate a world accustomed to such instant communications. People half a world away can pick up a cell phone or zip off an e-mail and have a reply within minutes.

It wasn't always this way.

Virginia Gardner of Susquehanna Township remembers the 31/2 years during World War II when her husband was a Marine serving in the South Pacific. She was at home with their young son, writing letters and watching the mailbox.

"I wrote every day because I had a baby, and I told him everything the baby did," Gardner said.

Generally, letters took about three weeks to reach her husband, George, or to arrive home from him.

In the years while he was gone, she saw him just once. She and the baby flew to California and stayed with him until he had to ship out for the Pacific.

She didn't know it then, but her husband was among the Marines preparing to invade Japan. Dropping the atomic bomb averted the need for that plan.

She didn't know it, because military plans were kept secret then. No one hired retired generals to speculate publicly. And the only scenes people saw from the war played on newsreels at movie theaters.

The Gardners communicated by V-mail, or Victory mail. But they had to watch what they wrote. "Everything was censored," she said.

V-mail, for those of us born in later years, refers to a type of letter sent to or from someone in the military. A person wrote on a specially designed sheet of paper, which was microfilmed to the size of a thumbnail, shipped and then enlarged to a readable size before delivery.

Microfilming letters saved space so ships could carry less mail and more supplies. According to the National Postal Museum, 150,000 one-page letters would fill 37 mailbags. The same letters, sent V-mail, fit in just one sack. From June 1942 until April 1945, more than 510 million V-mail letters were received from people serving in the military.

V-mail didn't replace regular mail. In 1944, Navy personnel received 38 million pieces of V-mail, but more than 272 million pieces of regular mail.

Whatever their form, letters that took three weeks to arrive couldn't soothe a wife's fears. Wives and other loved ones didn't know from day to day whether their men were safe. Gardner said she lived in fear of a couple of military men bringing grim news to her door.

"But I was very, very lucky; he came back in one piece," she said.

Let's hope they all do.

Two reporters fined for not sharing notes with courts

PHILADELPHIA (AP) The contempt case against two reporters who refused to hand over to prosecutors their notes from interviews with an alleged murderer reached the state Supreme Court on Monday, with their attorney saying $40,000 fines against each man were "unprecedented" and should be thrown out.

"This was not a disrespectful act on the part of the reporters," said Robert Heim, an attorney representing reporters Mark Bowden of The Philadelphia Inquirer and Linn Washington Jr. of The Philadelphia Tribune. "If they had produced the information the harm would have been done to the First Amendment."

Heim also said that Pennsylvania courts have interpreted the state's so-called shield law to allow reporters an "absolute privilege" to not disclose documents, unpublished materials and statements - not just material that could jeopardize the anonymity of a source.

Common Pleas Judge Jane Cutler Greenspan issued a contempt citation in December 2000 against Bowden and Washington, who refused to provide unpublished notes of their interviews with Brian Tyson, who was convicted of third-degree murder in the September 1997 killing of Damon Millner.

The judge said that the journalists were not covered by the law because their notes came from on-the-record interviews with Tyson. Tyson said he shot Millner, an alleged drug dealer, in self-defense after a two-year battle to rid his neighborhood of crack houses and hoodlums. He was sentenced to 10 to 30 years in prison.

Prosecutors had argued that the shooting was unprovoked and sought the reporters' notes, which they thought could bolster their case. The reporters refused and Greenspan fined each of them $100 a minute, saying the fine would accumulate until the men turned over their notes or until the trial concluded.

By the end of the trial, the fines reached $40,000 for each reporter.

Assistant District Attorney Ronald Eisenberg said the reporters were flouting the law by refusing the court order because their interviews with Tyson are not protected by the shield law or by the First Amendment's free press guarantees. He also told the high court that the fines - levied against the reporters themselves and not their employers - were not extreme.

"You assume the newspapers would be covering (the cost)?" asked Justice Ronald Castille. Eisenberg answered yes, adding that the papers would "clearly be able to afford this amount."

Bowden, author of the best-selling book "Black Hawk Down" and a columnist with The Inquirer, wrote a three-part series in 1998 about the Tyson case. Washington is a Temple University journalism professor and a columnist for The Tribune, the nation's oldest continuously published black newspaper, who wrote several pieces on the shooting.

Bowden said Monday night that he was grateful The Inquirer was supporting him in the case, but he declined further comment. Washington did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment.

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School employee arrested

PITTSBURGH (AP) A Pittsburgh Public Schools child psychologist already charged with sexually assaulting a boy over several years has been arrested on charges he sexually assaulted a 5-year-old girl in a school, according to police.

Donald Stettner, 46, of Pittsburgh, was charged Tuesday with aggravated indecent assault, indecent assault and corrupting a minor.

Stettner was already being held in jail and could not be reached for comment. His bail was revoked Friday after prosecutors said he tried to pay $25,000 to silence the previous alleged victim, who is now 22.

The girl, now 7, was allegedly assaulted in November 2000 at a Pittsburgh elementary at school where she was a pupil, police said.

Stettner remains suspended from his job in the school district's special education department. He has been with the district since 1997.

Small plane crash kills 3

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) A twin-engine Falcon 20 jet crashed Tuesday in a nature preserve, killing all three people on board, the sheriff said.

The plane was approaching the Toledo Express Airport when it crashed and caught fire about 2 p.m., Lucas County Sheriff James Telb said.

The plane was being flown from Traverse City, Mich., by Grand Aire, a charter company based in suburban Toledo, Telb said.

"It just dropped right down into the woods," he said.

The twin-engine Falcon apparently arrived in Traverse City sometime Tuesday morning, either picked up or dropped off freight and returned to Toledo, said Stephen Cassens, Cherry Capital Airport director.

Cassens said it did not appear the aircraft took on passengers in Traverse City. He did not know what type of freight was involved in the transfer.

Firefighters had extinguished the flames about two hours after the crash, Telb said.

The plane went down in a remote area of the Oak Openings Preserve MetroPark, Toledo Metroparks spokesman Scott Carpenter said. There are no shelters or parking lots in that area of the 3,500-acre nature preserve.

Sheriff's deputies and park rangers saw smoke rising from the woods and followed a horse trail to the wreckage. Officials had not found any witnesses.

Gambling proposal

ERIE, Pa. (AP) Port officials are asking state officials to permit them to operate slot machines on a ferry route running through Lake Erie to Canada.

Ray Schreckengost, executive director of the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority, said he has contacted lawmakers to get their support for the proposal, thinking enough money could be made to drive down ticket prices.

"It would be a great source of revenue," he told the Erie Times-News for a story Tuesday.

For years, the Port Authority has been talking about buying a $20 million ferry to shuttle passengers and vehicles across Lake Erie between Erie and Port Dover, Ontario. This fall, the authority plans to apply for state and federal money to help purchase a ferry.

Special legislation would be required to allow for slots on a ferry when in American waters. It also would require the purchase of a ferryboat gambling license through Canada.

Gov. Ed Rendell has proposed allowing slot-machine gambling at horse-racing tracks.

Flight service stopped in May

PITTSBURGH (AP) US Airways is suspending its once-a-day service from Pittsburgh to London and Frankfurt for the month of May.

The airline has two aircraft committed to use by the Civil Reserve Air Fleet during the war with Iraq. The war's continuation means the aircraft will remain unavailable, said airline vice president Ben Baldanza on Tuesday.

As part of the Civil Reserve Air Fleet, US Airways provides the military with widebody Boeing 767 aircraft that are transformed into ``air ambulances'' used to evacuate casualties to hospitals in the United States, according to the Air Force.

US Airways expects to resume the Pittsburgh flights on June 1. The airline's service to London and Frankfurt through its Philadelphia and Charlotte hubs is unaffected.

NATIONAL

Saddam Hussien confirmed as a marked military target

WASHINGTON -(AP) The United States is trying to kill Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, and the war provides cover to carry out the type of assassination that is frowned upon in peacetime.

As U.S. officials pondered whether Saddam was inside the smoldering pit created by their bombs in Baghdad, there was no doubt they wanted to finish him off.

"I don't think there's any way this administration is not going to kill him," said Brookings Institution foreign policy analyst Jennifer Kibbe, who studies covert action decision making. "Their feeling is he's thumbed his nose at America for so long, they're just not going to take it. He needs to be dealt with."

President George W. Bush said simply, "Saddam Hussein will be gone. It might have been yesterday, I don't know. But he'll be gone."

Saddam isn't the first world leader to end up on the U.S. short list for punishment, nor is he the first targeted for death - Cuba's Fidel Castro is a notable example. But other leaders ousted in recent years, such as Manuel Noriega in Panama and Slobodan Milosevic in Yugoslavia, ended up jailed, not dead.

The United States banned assassinations in 1976, under President Gerald Ford. President Ronald Reagan reinforced that edict five years later in an executive order that barred federal officials or those acting on behalf of the government from participating in assassinations or killer plots.

Since then - and especially since the Sept. 11 attacks - there has been growing support for abolishing Reagan's order. Bush does have the power to revoke it.

But those considerations are secondary now that war is under way. The war makes Saddam a military target, and killing him now would be easier and less dangerous than launching a commando raid to capture him, experts say. It also could be more politically expedient than allowing him to live and, possibly, engineer guerrilla warfare from exile or prison.

"If he's still alive, there are going to be Iraqis who are scared to speak their minds, scared to work with a new government," Kibbe said. "You'd have the Fedayeen or the Republican Guard, some of whom might feel it's worth it to fight a guerrilla war, whereas if he's dead they might give up."

Jim Phillips, a Heritage Foundation expert on Iraq, said U.S. leaders may actually prefer to take Saddam prisoner but that could mean heavy casualties because Saddam has strong security.

Most important, Phillips suggested, American credibility would be dented if Saddam remained free. "If Saddam Hussein escaped, people would be saying, 'Why didn't you hit that bunker when you had the chance?' The sooner they get Saddam, the sooner Iraqi resistance will collapse and the more lives will be saved on all sides," Phillips said.

Cloning and breeding may save endangered animals

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) Astounding even veterans of the fight against animal extinction, cloning technology has reproduced two endangered wild cattle bulls, each born by dairy cows last week on an Iowa farm.

The procedure that created the bantengs has given animal conservationists hope that cross-species breeding can help reverse the daily disappearance of 100 living species and add genetic diversity to dwindling animal populations.

If they survive, the two bantengs will be transferred to the San Diego Wild Animal Park and encouraged to breed with the captive population there.

The technology is still fraught with problems and a long way from paying significant dividends. The cloned bantengs, for instance, won't begin breeding until they reach maturity in about six years.

Nonetheless, animal conservationists are excited about the two unnamed bantengs.

"The fact that it can happen at all just astounds me," said Oliver Ryder, a geneticist at the San Diego Zoo's Center for Reproduction of Endangered Species.

In 1977, the zoo began preserving cells and genetic material from hundred of animals in a program it dubbed the Frozen Zoo. Tissue samples from each animal are stored in small plastic vials, which are submerged and frozen in liquid nitrogen at minus 196 degrees Celsius.

"At the time we did not know how this resource might be used, but we knew it was important to save as much information about endangered species as we could," Ryder said.

Now, that foresight is beginning to pay off with the banteng, a white-stockinged animal hunted for its slender, curved horns. Fewer than 8,000 bantengs exist in the wild, mostly on the Indonesian island of Java.

Ryder and his colleagues sent frozen skin cells from a long-dead banteng to researchers at the cloning company Advanced Cell Technology in Worcester, Massachusetts. Scientists there fused the banteng skin cells with 30 cow eggs that had their genetic material removed.

Another biotechnology company, Trans Ova Genetics, of Hull, Iowa, then implanted the cloned eggs into cows in Sioux City, Iowa, and 16 pregnancies resulted.

Of the 16 pregnancies, only two came to term last week _ and one of the bantengs is 80 pounds (36 kilograms), about twice as heavy as expected. The researchers are concerned about the fatter banteng's prognosis: It's not nearly as active as his brother, born with normal birth weight.

This is not the first cross-species cloning experiment that resulted in a birth. Two years ago, a cow gave birth to an endangered cloned wild ox named Noah. But Noah died two days later of dysentery.

National Briefs

Hate crimes bill passed

SANTA FE (AP) Gov. Bill Richardson on Tuesday signed into law bills that penalize hate crimes and that outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Richardson had promised to sign the measures, which advocates have sought for years.

The governor scheduled a ceremonial signing of the two bills for Wednesday.

The hate crimes law, effective July 1, allows a judge to give extra prison time to an offender whose crimes are determined by a court to have been motivated by hate.

A first-time offender could get a year, and a repeat offender an extra two years, added to his or her prison sentence.

Hate crimes are those committed because of the victim's actual or perceived race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity.

The anti-discrimination law, also effective July 1, broadens the state's Human Rights Act to cover sexual orientation - heterosexuality, homosexuality or bisexuality - and gender identity.

It makes it illegal to discriminate against gays and lesbians in matters of employment, housing, credit, public accommodations and union membership.

Businesses with fewer than 15 workers are exempt from the employment discrimination provision.

Supporters of the new law say it is necessary because it is currently legal to refuse to hire someone - or to fire someone - because he or she is gay, or perceived to be gay.

Hydrogen research okayed

WASHINGTON (AP) A Senate committee endorsed a five-year, nearly $3 billion research program Tuesday to develop hydrogen fuel cells and a hydrogen supply system with the goal of making hydrogen-powered cars competitive in showrooms by 2020.

The provision, nearly twice as expensive as a hydrogen initiative urged by President Bush earlier this year, is included in a broad energy bill that the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hopes complete by the end of the month.

The proposal calls for increased research into developing hydrogen fuel cells that would both power automobiles and provide electric power, as well as develop technology to produce hydrogen and begin developing a hydrogen distribution system.

The legislation includes an amendment, sponsored by Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., to require at least 20 percent of federal vehicle fleets to use hydrogen-powered cars or trucks by 2012.

"Getting hydrogen fuel cell technology on the street, whether in federal fleet vehicles or family cars, will save billions of barrels of oil in the next decade," Wyden said.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., sought to expand the program and wanted to authorize more money, $3.8 billion over five years, but his amendment was rejected in a party-line vote, 12-11.

Automakers have committed billions of dollars to developing hydrogen fuel cells, but must still overcome major barriers to make them competitive with the internal combustion engine.

Hit list found in school

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) Security was heightened at a Norman middle school after a possible "hit list" was found.

An Irving Middle School student who discovered the note brought it to a school official on Monday, district spokeswoman Connie Blaney said.

The note reportedly said "to kill" and included the names of a teacher and eight to 10 students.

Parents of the named students were notified Monday evening.

Administrators analyzed the handwriting and other clues and questioned students, Blaney said.

"We take each of these situations very seriously," she said. "We're very confident that we will find out who did this."

Norman campus police officials would not release details of the increased security measures implemented at Irving.

Last year, an Irving Middle School student was suspended for allegedly making a hit list containing the names of 15 students and two teachers.

That student, who was not named, was suspended until January.

Third Virginian to get SARS

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) A third Virginian has been diagnosed with an illness suspected to be the mysterious SARS, the state health department said Tuesday.

The infected person, whose identity was not disclosed, is a Hampton Roads adult who recently traveled to the parts of Asia that have been associated with SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome.

The health department said the person has recovered and is not contagious.

"We do not believe the general public is at risk for infection from SARS as a result of any of the cases in Virginia. The only people who could potentially be at risk are health care workers caring for patients with SARS and close family contacts," State Health Commissioner Robert Stroube said in a news release.

Scientists suspect that the disease is caused by a previously undetected coronavirus, which has been found in SARS patients. The have not identified a definite cause.

The global death toll climbed to at least 104 with new fatalities announced Tuesday in Hong Kong and Singapore. More than 2,600 people have now been infected worldwide with SARS, most of them in mainland China and Hong Kong. The United States has had no deaths from the disease but reports 148 suspected cases in 30 states.

The two other suspected cases in Virginia are in Chesapeake and Loudoun County. Both victims have been released from the hospital, health officials said. Both also had recently traveled to Asia.

INTERNATIONAL

North Korea pulls back instead of taking advantage of the US's current focus

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) North Korea has surprised many by hunkering down instead of taking advantage of Washington's preoccupation with Iraq to further its nuclear ambitions on the Korean Peninsula.

The subdued behavior leaves observers wondering: Does this signify a change in North Korean diplomacy? Or is Pyongyang just waiting for the Iraq war to end before pushing the standoff further - or bringing it to a close?

"North Korea will be in a dilemma right now as to what it should do next," said Paik Hak-soon, a political analyst at the Seoul-based Sejong Institute research center.

Though the North has issued some of its characteristic bombastic statements in recent days, there is less talk of nuclear war in the communist state's media. More importantly, South Korea says there has been no sign the North started reprocessing spent fuel rods that could yield enough plutonium to make several nuclear bombs.

Observers say television pictures of U.S. tanks and warplanes rolling through Iraq may have intimidated North Korea's leaders and may prompt them to seek a peaceful solution to the Korean crisis.

But the images also may reinforce their determination to arm themselves with nuclear weapons as a deterrent against a U.S. invasion.

"Watching the war in Iraq on television will scare them. But no one really knows what they will do," a spokesman for South Korea's Unification Ministry said on condition of anonymity.

Tensions have run high in the region since October, when the United States said North Korea admitted having a secret nuclear program in violation of a 1994 pact. The North then kicked out U.N. nuclear inspectors.

Pyongyang will watch closely when the 15-member U.N. Security Council meets Wednesday to discuss North Korea's withdrawal from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The International Atomic Energy Agency, a U.N. body, referred the issue to council in February, saying North Korea was not complying with nuclear safeguard agreements.

The Security Council eventually could discuss imposing sanctions against North Korea if a political solution is not found. China and Russia have said they oppose sanctions and North Korea has warned that it would regard such a move as a declaration of war.

On Tuesday, the permanent Security Council members - the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France - failed to agree on a statement condemning North Korea's nuclear program because of opposition from China.

North Korea has accused the United States of planning to invade after the war in Iraq. President Bush has said he wants to resolve the crisis peacefully, but he also insists "all options" are still on the table concerning a nation he once said was part of an "axis of evil" with Iran and Iraq.

French, German, and Russian leaders meet to discuss the future of the war

MOSCOW (AP) The leaders of France, Russia and Germany - the chief European opponents of the U.S.-led war in Iraq -will be in St. Petersburg this week for meetings that are likely to focus on the continuing fighting in Iraq and postwar reconstruction.

French President Jacques Chirac will be in St. Petersburg on Friday and Saturday, the Kremlin said. German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder was already slated to meet with President Vladimir Putin in the former imperial capital on those days. Annan is to visit as part of a European trip centered on Iraq's reconstruction. The Kremlin said Putin invited Annan to St. Petersburg on Saturday.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan was also planning to be in Russia, but he canceled his visit Tuesday. Annan will attend next week's European Union summit in Athens instead.

In Paris, Chirac said Putin had invited him and Schroeder "to discuss all aspects of the situation" in Iraq. The visit will also be "an occasion to discuss postwar Iraq," he said. Neither Russian nor German officials specified whether the leaders would hold a three-way meeting.

France, Germany and Russia sought to avert the war, pushing for weapons inspections to be extended for several months as an alternative to a proposed U.N. Security Council resolution that would have authorized military action. France and Russia both threatened to block the resolution, and it never came to a vote.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Yakovenko said the central subject of foreign policy dialogue with Germany at the moment is "discussion of prospects for the settlement of the Iraqi crisis and its return to the aegis of the U.N. Security Council," Russian news agencies reported.

The visits come amid international discussion of the role of the United Nations - and of countries that are not part of the U.S.-led coalition - in the postwar reconstruction of Iraq.

The Bush administration says the U.S.-led coalition fighting in Iraq must take the lead in running and rebuilding Iraq. The European Union wants the United Nations to be a major player.

Annan on Monday advocated "an important role" for the United Nations in rebuilding Iraq, stressing that only the world body can bring legitimacy to the job.

The St. Petersburg visits - which will bring Putin, Chirac and Schroeder close together for the first time since U.S.-led forces attacked Iraq - also come as the United States and Russia seek to ensure their relations, which improved with Russia's support for the war in Afghanistan, are not ruined by their sharp disagreement over Iraq.

Putin has continued to criticize the war and the U.S. decision to fight without U.N. approval but has emphasized the need to maintain close cooperation with the United States.

International Briefs

Cocaine plane intercepted

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) Police in eastern Guatemala intercepted a small plane carrying almost a ton of cocaine, a top government official said Tuesday.

Drugs agents forced the dual-engine Superking to land south of Lake Izabal, 125 miles northeast from Guatemala City, the capital. Then found 1,807 pounds of drugs hidden inside the aircraft, Interior Minister Adolfo Reyes said at a news conference.

No arrests were made after a suspect believed to have been the plane's pilot escaped on a four-wheel-drive motorcycle, Reyes said.

On March 19, authorities forced another small plane to land in the same region. Authorities seized one ton of cocaine from that aircraft as well.

Guatemala is trying to regain the confidence of the U.S. government, which in January stripped this country of its anti-drug certification. The White House said President Alfonso Portillo's government wasn't doing enough to combat drug trafficking.

Speaking during a conference in Washington on Tuesday, State Department Under Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs Curtis Struble praised Guatemala's recent drug seizures.

"If things keep going the way they have until now, I have no doubt that Guatemala will qualify for total certification" soon, Struble said.

Woman's death traced to gas

BERLIN (AP) An alleged 1987 mustard gas attack on a Kurdish village was possibly responsible for one villager's untimely death in Germany this March, prosecutors said Tuesday in initiating an investigation of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

An autopsy performed on the 39-year-old woman after her March 20 death, along with medical reports from her life, led doctors to conclude that "the cause of death was not natural" and raised suspicions that poison gas was to blame, the upper state court in Nuremberg said in a statement.

Prosecutors are investigating the possibility of bringing murder charges against Saddam, the statement said. If a court allows the charges, German authorities could seek his extradition to stand trial.

The woman's husband told investigators she was the victim of a mustard gas attack on a northern Iraqi village on June 6, 1987.

Court spokesman Bernhard Wankel refused to identify the woman and provided no details of the attack's exact location. She had lived in Germany for several years, Wankel said.

Her husband, identified only as Abdulbasi, 45, was quoted as telling the German daily Bild: "I want the world to know what Saddam Hussein does to his people. He has my wife on his conscience."

Plane shot down

CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, Qatar (AP) A coalition A-10 "Warthog" warplane was shot down near Baghdad early Tuesday in the first downing of a coalition aircraft by an Iraqi surface-to-air missile, Pentagon officials confirmed.

The pilot ejected safely and was recovered by coalition ground forces near the airport, U.S. Central Command said. The pilot was reported to be in good condition.

In Washington, officials confirmed the A-10 was shot down by an Iraqi missile - a French-made Roland usually mounted on a truck and guided by radar, infrared or sight.

Iraqi forces have downed at least two coalition helicopters - an Apache and a Black Hawk - but not using missile fire.

Ahead of the Pentagon confirmation, Navy Ensign David Luckett said if the Warthog was downed by an Iraqi missile, it would be the first of the war.

"We have said all along that the surface-to-air threat was a valid threat and it illustrates the point that there is a lot of hard work to do," he said. Luckett is a spokesman for Central Command in Qatar.

Lt. Mark Kitchens, also at Central Command, said recovery operations to retrieve the aircraft were under way.

"We're doing our best to determine the status of the aircraft, its condition and so on," he said.

Journalists protest

BERLIN (AP) A group of German journalists protested Tuesday outside the U.S. embassy here against what it called "targeting" of international reporters in Iraq after a U.S. tank shell hit a Baghdad hotel where hundreds of journalists were staying.

"Do not forget that your country was the first democracy in the world to include freedom of the press in its constitution," the Federation of German Journalists said in a letter handed to the U.S. Ambassador to Germany, Daniel R. Coats.

Several leading German journalists were staying in Baghdad's Palestine Hotel that was hit by the shell hours after a U.S. bomb landed on the office of an Arab television network in the Iraqi capital. Three journalists and three others wounded in the incidents.

In all, 10 employees of news organizations have been killed in combat situations in Iraq since the war began March 20.

On Monday, two journalists were killed in an Iraqi rocket attack on the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division south of Baghdad, including the first German to lose his life in the war, Christian Liebig, 35.

SPORTS

Lady Titans make noise as PAC tournament begins

by Elizabeth King

As the Lady Titan Softball Team prepares to enter the heart of the season, they can sleep well knowing fellow PAC teams are not.

For the first season of Division III eligibility, the ladies have set high goals. Not only do they hope to dominate the PAC, but they are also planning a trip to NCAA playoffs.

The ladies are less than half way through the season. Each game brings them closer together as a team and closer to their final goal.

"Westminster has always had a great tradition in its softball program," Amy Putas said. "This team is most definitely capable of keeping that tradition alive. As we play more games, we become more of a team. Not only does that make the game easier, but it's more fun as well. If we play like the team we know we are, we'll get as far as any other team in the country, senior catcher."

Returning from spring break with a record of 2-8 doesn't seem like the best way to continue a winning tradition. But, as the team will attest, numbers don't always tell the truth.

"Playing down south gave us a chance to play the best of the best in the NCAA. The close games we lost gave us hope, and showed us if we play our game the way we know how, we aren't too far away," said senior pitcher Darcy Sutton.

The ladies held high hopes. Their schedule was very intense. It consisted of six nationally ranked teams, including defending national champions, Ithaca College. The Titans weren't afraid.

"We knew they (Ithaca) were a good team, but so are we. We realized that if we went in scared, the outcome wouldn't be positive. We had to focus on this game, rather than prior titles. Even though we lost, we made people well aware that this small town team came ready to play," said junior shortstop Laura Raible. Even though it was a losing effort, Ithaca was only able to bring in two runs.

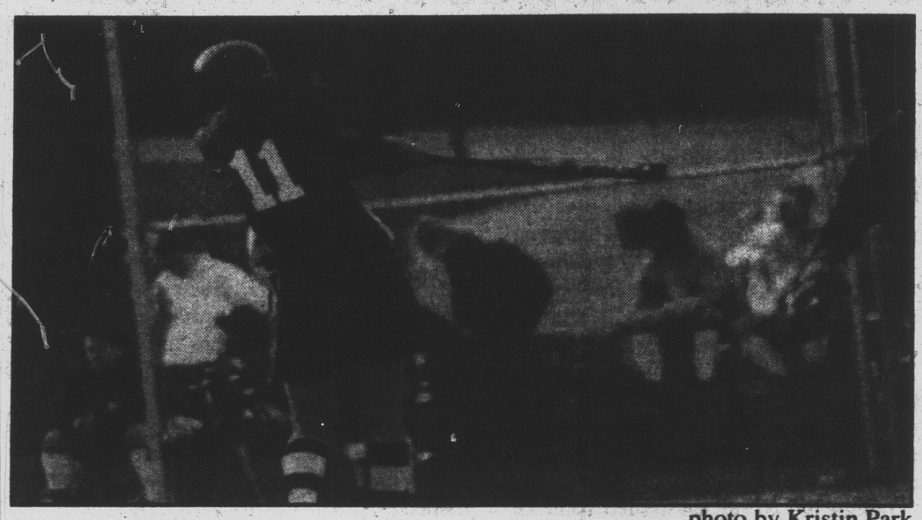

photo by Kristin Park

Since playing in Florida, the ladies have improved their record to 9-10-1. The two additional losses came from two one-run-games between Division II Slippery Rock. Notable wins include defeating PAC rival Grove City and ECAC competitors, Penn State-Behrend.

The ladies look to continue their winning ways as they head into conference play and get the chance to make their mark in the PAC and NCAA.

The "Big Easy" sees another crazy Final Four

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

Saturday night's games were merely a setup. Seemingly, everyone wanted Kansas and Syracuse in the final game. We wanted to watch two old friends (Jim Boeheim and Roy Williams) go at it one more time to see who could win his first National Championship. Both have been so close before. Roy Williams was making his fourth Final Four appearance with the Kansas Jayhawks and second consecutive. This was the first time Roy Williams had ever reached the final game. Many times, he's been in position to win it all, but his teams never came through. On the other hand, this was Jim Boeheim's third Final Four appearance and his third National Championship game. Sixteen years ago, Boeheim's Syracuse club lost in New Orleans to Bob Knight's physical Indiana team. It was Keith Smart's famous jumper in the closing seconds that has made that Final Four so unforgettable. Nine years later, Boeheim reached the Final again. However, that time, Rick Pitino and his high-flying Kentucky squad ousted Boehiem.

This year was different, though; somebody had to win. The final was a classic matchup between the two types of teams in today's college basketball world. Syracuse was loaded with talent and athleticism, but also inexperience. Kansas, on the other hand, had plenty of experience to go along with leadership and veteran guards.

Think for a second about the past four championship teams: Maryland, Duke, Michigan State, UCONN. What did they all have? They all had senior leadership, similar to Kansas of this year. Experience goes a long way in college basketball. With the recent tradition of senior-led teams with the Championship, everyone assumed that Kansas would be too much for the underclassman.

However, this year was the year of the freshman. Carmello Anthony showed us all why he should be the number 1 pick in the NBA Draft and not LeBron James. Anthony and Syracuse almost ran away with the Championship game in the first half. Syracuse did a superior job of getting back on defense, which denied Kansas the chance to run their ever-so-deadly fast break.

The 2-3 zone gave Kansas many fits, and the Jayhawks were reluctant to shoot the outside shot. They tried to find gaps in the zone, so they could free open Nick Collison inside, which didn't always work. Collison did, however, have 19 points to go along with 21 rebounds. It was an amazing performance that will be remembered for many years to come. Ultimately, the big problem for Kansas was free throw shooting. Anytime a team goes 12 for 30 from the free throw line, there's a pretty good chance they're going to lose.

The best thing about Monday night's game was the fact that Kansas never gave up. Despite being down so much in the first half, despite missing so many free throws, despite having their two best scorers foul out of the game, and despite having senior-guard Kirk Hinrich injure his ankle, Kansas still almost pulled off the victory. It was a gutty performance, and towards the end, you couldn't help but root for Roy Williams and Kansas as they made their valiant comeback. It wasn't meant to be, though. Syracuse was too much, and as Hakeem Warrick blocked Kansas's last second shot, Jim Boeheim got his elusive first National Championship.

Titan baseball 5-2 record

The Westminster College baseball team posted a 5-2 overall record this week, including 3-2 record against Presidents' Athletic Conference competiton this week. The Titan diamondmen opened the week with a non-conference doubleheader sweep at Hiram on Wednesday, posting scores of 9-1 and 19-2. On Thursday, the Titans split a doubleheader at PAC rival Waynesburg College, winning the opener 9-6 before dropping a 9-3 decision in the nightcap. Over the weekend, the WC diamondmen took 2-of-3 games from league foe Bethany College. The two teams split a doubleheader at Bethany on Saturday, with the Bison winning game one 11-7 and the Titans posting a 10-4 win in game two. Westminster then completed the series with a 6-5 victory in New Wilmington on Sunday.

Westminster put the Hiram opener away early with one run in the first, two in the second, and three more in both the third and fourth innings. Hiram got its lone tally in the bottom of the seventh. Senior Matt Pournaras improved to 2-0 with the pitching win, scattering five hits in five shutout innings with one walk and four strikeouts. Classmate Jason Mumford pitched the final two frames, allowing one run on two hits with one strikeout. At the plate, both senior third baseman Kevin Humberston and junior DH Justin Joseph went 3-for-3 with a run scored, with Humberston posting a double and an RBI. Junior outfielder Niels Jorgensen was 2-for-4 with a home run and a triple, while junior second baseman Brian Goettler was 2-for-5 with a home run.

Game two saw Westminster score in each of the first five innings to take a 13-1 lead, before plating six insurance runs in the final frame. Junior Craig Rechichar earned the win on the mound, improving to 2-0 after allowing one run on six hits with two walks and three strikeouts. Freshman Evan Triplett pitched the final two innings, giving up one run on four hits with one strikeout. Westminster pounded four home runs in the win, as Goettler, Humberston, senior B.G. Davison and sophomore Ron Florian each tallied round-trippers. Davison was 4-for-5, Goettler was 3-for-6 and Florian was 2-for-4, scoring three times each and driving in three runs apiece. Humberston also drove in a team-high four RBIs.

Game one at Waynesburg was tied 2-2 after three frames. Westminster went ahead 3-2 in the top of the fourth, but Waynesburg answered with four runs in the bottom of the frame to take a 6-3 lead. That lead held until the seventh, when the Titans plated six runs to post a come-from-behind win. Junior Pat Boyle ran his pitching record to a perfect 5-0 with the win, allowing six runs (four earned) on 13 hits with one walk and five strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings. Davison struck out the final batter to earn his third save of the season. Leading the Titan offense was senior first baseman Kevin Culp, who was 2-for-4 with a home run, a double, three runs scored and three RBIs. Three other Titans - Humberston, Goettler and Jorgensen - each went 2-for-4 in the win. Goettler drove in a pair of runs, while one of Jorgensen's hits was a double. Joseph added a two-run double in the win for Westminster.

The Waynesburg nightcap saw Westminster take a 2-1 lead after two innings, but the Yellow Jackets scored four times in the fourth to take the lead for good at 5-2, then added four insurance tallies in the sixth. Culp suffered the pitching loss for the Titans, falling to 1-2 after allowing five runs on eight hits with three walks and two strikeouts in 3 2/3 innings. Sophomore Bryan Hilbert worked the final 2 1/3 innings, giving up four runs on five hits with one walk and three strikeouts. The Titan offense, which was limited to six hits in the loss, was led by Pournaras with an RBI double.

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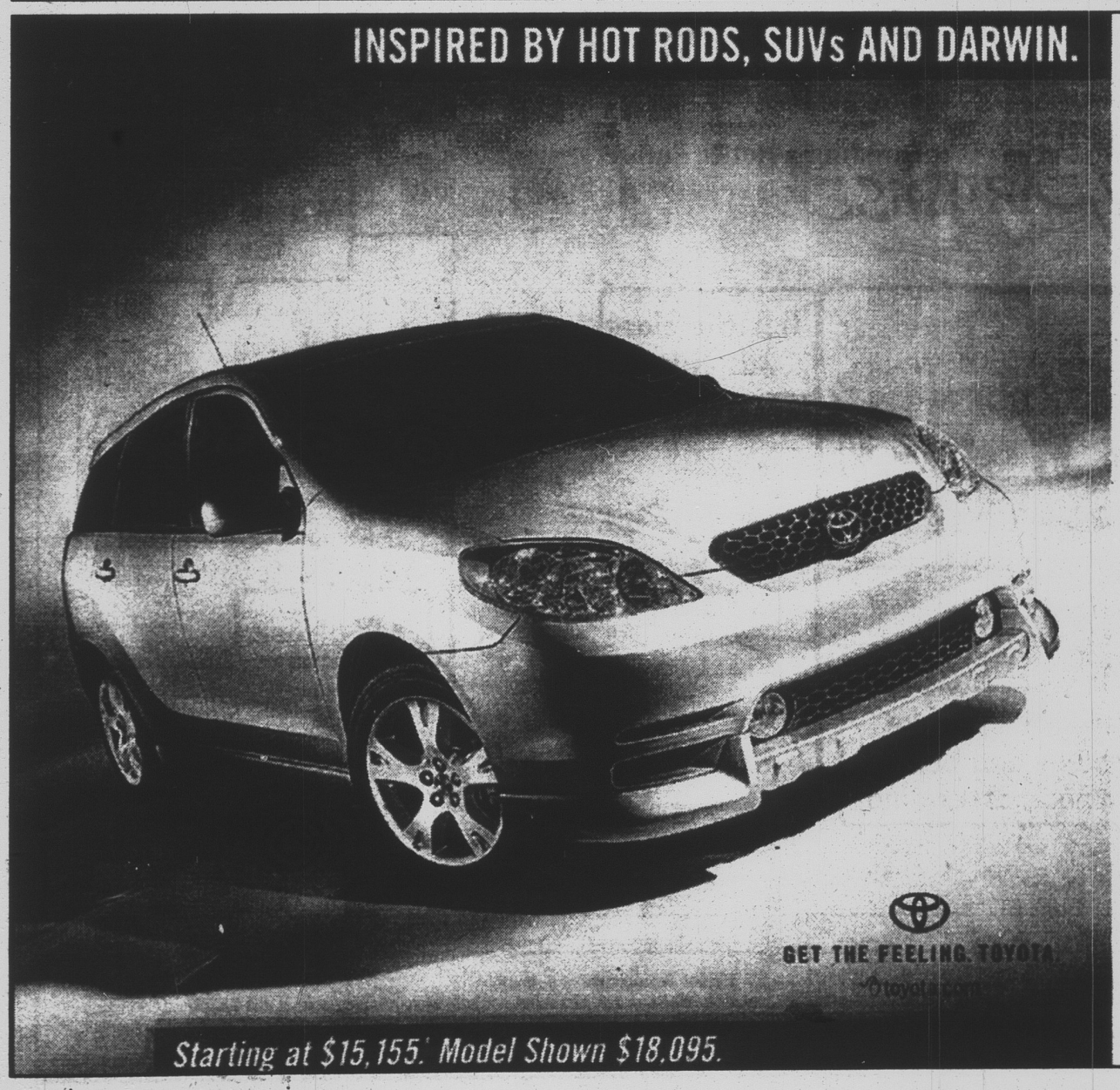

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

If life is like a box of chocolates, then are we the box or the chocolates?

I've had enough of glorified high school...how 'bout you?

Personally, I blame the pudding pops.

I like to rant when I rave with a side of fries of course.

The bitterness era is over.

Smurfs are cool.

Pancakes are going to save the world! Trust me on this one.

You are gorgeous.

"Eh, not so much."

Someone please lie to me and tell me summer's here.

Roughly 100% of the guys on this campus are in denial.

I wish that the TUB accepted meal exchange after my 9:20 is over... boohoo.

Ghetto starfish unite!

I'm glad I transfered.

76% of Americans support the war, per Gallup Poll.

Got sand?

Why is it so hard to keep a laundry time?

My dad looks like Wolverine.

Why is the girl on the home-page squinting at me?!

Lunchtime should be changed every daynext semester! Not some!

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: Silence

A day spent in silence does more than make a point. This past Wednesday, members of Allies, students, and faculty wore purple ribbons and chose to be silent in remembrance of those who had no choice in their silence. The ribbons, the letters, and the cards passed out by those who took part in the Day of Silence, conveyed their message to the Westminster community. But that was only the external product of the day's silence. What happened to the individual participants was unique to each person.

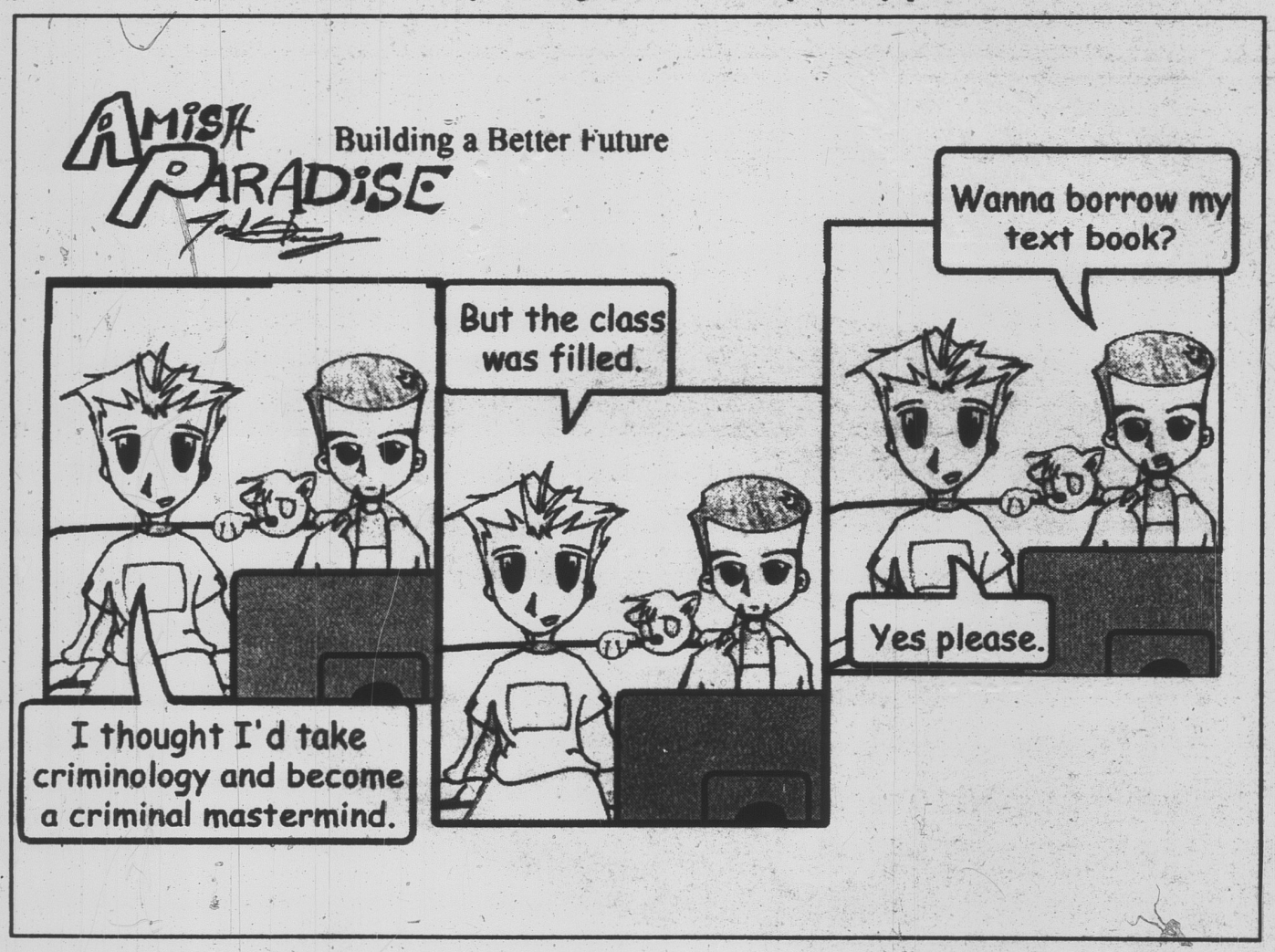
Some reflected on the way they or their friends were kept from speaking their true feelings. Others piled their thoughts and experiences one on top of another, taking notes on everything they wanted to say, until five o'clock rolled around and they could release the built up pressure. Some had to speak for class or their jobs, but they wore ribbons nonetheless and showed their support. Some people just slipped up and spoke to their roommates automatically without thinking. Everyone who participated, and some who did not but still knew about the day, thought about their words and knew that they meant something.

> Self-imposed, silence is a curious thing. Have you stopped, stepped back from the conversation, and just listened?

Intentional, self-imposed silence is a curious thing. Have you stopped, stepped back from the conversation, and just listened? Most people, as Helena Bonham Carter says in Fight Club, "are just waiting for their turn to talk." Try staying quiet for hour, even if you are not trying to make a point or work for a cause. No, not that hour when no one is around and you are studying for a test in the library. Try to keep your mouth closed for an hour in the middle of a party, or at the lunch table. See what it feels like to get the words stuck on your lips. The urge to talk, to communicate, is overwhelming. Even on Wednesday, participants communicated by passing slips of paper.

It is a weird sensation not being able to vocalize your thoughts, but on the other hand, it makes you think about what you would say.

The power of words is amazing--they shape the world and how we perceive everything around us. The abscence of words and communication makes creates a quiet and lonely place.



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Ignoring conservatives weakens liberals

by Jessica Scott
Daily Collegian

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. -- Did you know it's Life Week? Like manycollege students, I'm a pro-choice, gay and women's rights, pro-affirmative action, card-carrying liberal. The last thing I'd care about was pro-life activism.

That is, until I found myself getting a ride home from a party in my friend Greg's car. As I was getting into his Audi, I couldn't help but notice that his trunk and back seat were stuffed with wooden crosses.

A soft-spoken, serious and religious type, Greg was hardly someone to be scared of. But his driving around with a car full of crosses was still a disturbing idea. "Oh, they're for 'the graveyard of the unborn'," Greg said with a smile and opened his door.

Perhaps you saw the 170 crosses blanketed in snow on the HUB lawn Monday, representing the number of unborn children lost each hour of every day. Saturday night, this liberal was driving around with those crosses in the back seat and sitting next to who I found out later was the president of Students For Life.

For most of my life, I've always believed "liberal" meant you wanted to make the world a better place and "conservative" meant that you were selfish.

Following such logic, I worked to adopt the altruistic social views. However, this logic didn't quite fit with Greg. Conversation naturally started with our unusual back seat passengers. People think that if abortion's legal, then it must not be a life; however, science proves that life starts at conception. The only thing that disagrees is Roe v. Wade, which we are keeping to ease the consciousness of the women who have had abortions.

At least this is what Greg told me. I'm completely uninterested in whether you agree with him or not about abortion. Just hold off the letters to the editor for a minute and pay attention to this part -- his sincerity.

"I know two women who have had abortions who are now pro-life," he said with deep sadness in his voice. This was no evil man trying to keep women in the kitchen, like I often hear pro-lifers described by my side. Greg was deeplyconcerned about the lives of unborn children and equally with the women who were having the abortions.

It's hard for conservatives on this campus to have a respectable voice. It seems many feel they need to be extreme to get heard, which might be the truth. Have you seen the bloody fetus posters the protests have been known to wave at the Allen Street Gates? Like that really makes me want to reconsider my views.

I asked Greg how publicity was going for Life Week. He told me that last year the most attention they got from The Daily Collegian was one photo with a caption, and he wasn't predicting any more for this year.

The more I talk to students with conservative views, the more I hear complaints that no one listens to them. A good friend told me about a professor who was complaining about conservatives on campus. My friend asked if having an open mind meant listening to conservatives, not insulting them. The teacher responded, "I don't think that anyone who believes that the current system is working deserves to be heard" and changed the subject.

Nothing discredits your argument more than not listening to the other side. "That the air may at times seem filled with verbal cacophony is, in this sense, not a sign of weakness but of strength," a famous Supreme Court ruling from the Vietnam War reads.

No matter your views, I ask that you get over your differences and realize everyone wants the best for every human involved. Silencing and ignoring conservatives does nothing but weaken our liberal arguments.

Got an opinion?

Send us your letters!

Correction: In the April 4th issue of The Holcad, it should have been stated that Virginia Hamilton passed away on February 19, 2002. Her visit to the campus predated her death.

Attention faculty and staff: Do you have an opinion you would like to share with the campus?

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

Phone Booth

Phone Booth
Biz Adams

They dropped the F bomb in this movie way too much, but it was still great.

Collin Farrel plays Stu Shepard, a public relations guy whose bad deeds are beginning to outweigh his good ones. His day takes a turn for the worst after he answers a ringing telephone in one of the last remaining phone booths in Manhattan (53rd and 8th). On the other end is the voice of Kiefer Sutherland, a self-proclaimed righter of humanity's wrongs who has been tracking Shepard's dismal life and decides it's time for him to confess his sins. Shephard doubts the caller is for real, but the little red light from a laser rifle changes his mind. Chaos ensues. People start dying. F bombs start getting dropped like yesterday's mail.

The amazing thing about this movie is the location. Basically, the audience is watching a phone booth for 90 minutes. But I wasn't bored. Engaged, actually. Supposedly the movie was shot in less than 10 days with a budget of less than 2 million dollars.

The worst thing about this movie was Katie Holmes, who plays Shepard's almost-mistress. She. Is. So. Awful. Her voice is grating and false. I almost wanted the sniper to take her out.

Bottom line? Go see it.

Biz: The worst thing about this movie was Katie Holmes...But bottom line? Go see it.

Jimm: Please see Phone Booth. There is really nothing better cinematically out there.

Phone Booth
Jimm Needle

Phone Booth is the new thriller starring Colin Farrell. Starring Collin Farrell is an understatement, because Farrell is in almost every second of this tense 90-minute film. The premise of this film is that Farrell is a publicist who will do anything to make money. His ruthlessness revisits him when a stranger with a gun calls him on his lies. Colin answers a phone assuming it is the woman whom he would like to have an affair with, but instead it is a sniper who is prepared to kill him if he hangs up the phone. From that point on the audience has no idea what will happen creating a great climatic ending for the film.

Phone Booth is a great film. It may only run near 90 minutes long, but don't be misled. This film is just as long as it needs to be. The success of the film lies on the outstanding acting of Farrell who, I am willing to wager, is a next generation superstar. Farrell has been in more than six films in the past two years, each of which has boosted his visibility as well as his dramatic expertise.

The only complaint I have concerning Phone Booth is the vulgar language, which could have been minimized. I don't mind hearing certain words but when I hear those words every 3.5 seconds, I become annoyed. The language issue is a minor one and does not change my opinion of the film. Please see Phone Booth. There is really nothing better cinematically out there. Keep an eye on Farrell as well, he is definitely superstar material!

Nashville Star is the American Idol for country music lovers

by Jillian Jordan
A&E Editor

Are you a fan of American Idol? Star Search? Well, all of you who answered "yes" to either one of these questions has probably already tuned in to USA network's "Nashville Star." If you haven't, you aren't too late to miss out on the edge-of-the-seat weekly suspense of which of the contestants will be sent packing.

Judges Tracy Gershon, Charlie Robison, and Robert Oermann send out messages of congratulation along with the ever-popular "I wasn't feeling the song" and "I didn't see anything spectacular in that performance."

Many of you non-country music lovers may cringe at the thought of listening to an hour of hillbilly hoedowns. However, just two episodes ago, the contestants were to choose a pop song and make it their own in a country fashion. A new sound to some of our favorite songs just may keep you tuned in even if you do have a natural tendency for a guitar and cowboy boots.

Starting out with a total of twelve contestants, "Nashville Star" eliminates one contestant weekly, based on the voting totals from last week's performance. Up until the fifth episode, the judges will also have the opportunity to send home their least favorite singer/composer. We are now at a total of six performers, one of those being eliminated at the beginning of tomorrow's show. The judges will no longer have the ability to send home any more contestants. Voting is now left up to the decisions of the viewing audience. From this point on, viewers will be delighted with original songs from the contestants, songs that have hit the top of the charts, along with a special episode when a male and a female country idol will join each of the remaining three contestants in performing a duet.

The grand finale will take place on May 3, the Saturday before finals begin. Let loose some of the pressures of test-taking by tuning in to the last episode where American will find out who will be taking the stage as country's new star.

Ranging from ages 19-41, the six remaining contestants' hometowns are dispersed across the United States, each containing certain distinct characteristics that can be found in a true country star. Although each contestant must have had something special in order for them to each make it this far, it is up to America, as it is with most other reality shows, to decide which is the cream of the crop. The distinct backgrounds of the six contestants will land them as stars amongst many various types of country fans.

"Nashville Star" is calling on all music lovers, no matter your favorite genre. Whether you despise it or love country music, tune in tomorrow night at 10 p.m. to decide for yourself or vote by phone, online, or text messaging.

Issac's Rock Column: Musicians and anti-war movement part III

by Isaac Ludwig
Staff Writer

This is the third part of my series dedicated to two things I am very passionate about in life: music and the anti-war movement. This is part of the historical record of another sociopolitical reawakening. While many people think this war is coming to a close, we have yet to prove that Saddam is dead, find a "smoking gun," or face the thousands of members of Islamic Jihad who have pledged to attack if we don't leave Iraq immediately after we have occupied. These problems aside, there is still the problem of rebuilding both the government and the country... and just look at one of our other failures, Afghanistan, and you'll see how great that's going to go. And what's next, rebuilding our world relations, or continuing our imperialistic crusade to "liberate" the citizens of Syria, North Korea and Colombia? Ok enough of my ranting, here's what the musicians are doing.

Jay-Z has broken his silence about the U.S.-led coalition's war with Iraq. In the remix of European artist Panjabi MC's overseas hit, "Beware of the Boys." "We rebellious, we back home/ Screamin' 'Leave Iraq alone,'" Jay rhymes over a sample of the theme from the "Knight Rider" TV show. "For all my soldiers in the field/ I will wish you safe return/ But only love kills war/ When will they learn?"

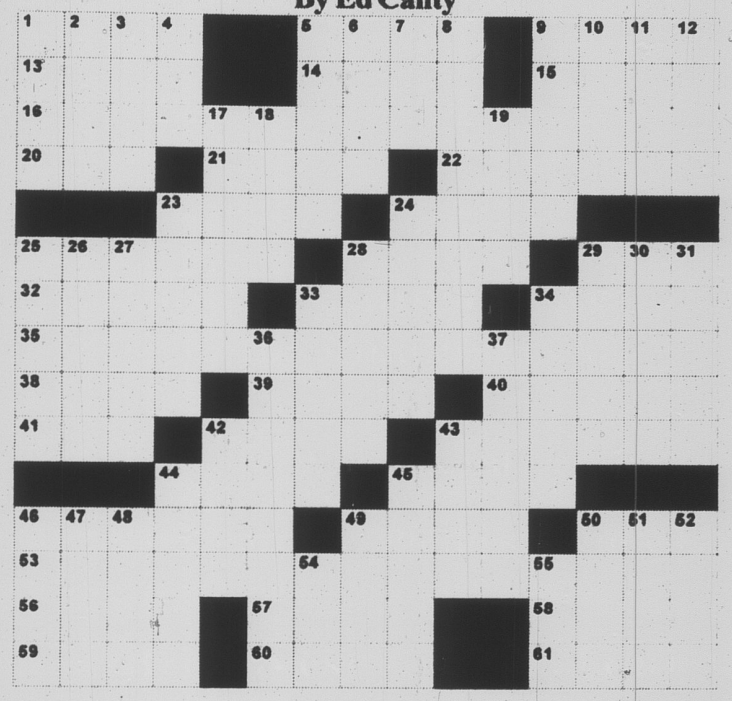
Mos Def recorded an anti-war public service announcement a while ago. The spot opens with the rapper holding a red pen in front of his face and saying, "The pen is mightier than the sword." Mos Def then withdraws a scroll from the pen that features a graph of government spending. The column marked "Pentagon" towers high above those marked "children's health," "K-12 education," "reduced reliance on oil," "Head Start" and "world hunger." "I think we've got better things to fight for," he says before encouraging citizens to write to Congress in protest of the looming war with Iraq.

Accomplished underground beat poet, Saul Williams, recently recorded a number of protest songs that can be downloaded at notinourname music.com. One of the songs features the poet rhyming over the Nas (yet another artist who opposes the war) beat to his song "Made You Look."

Williams had this to say about the war in Iraq in his statement on the previously mentioned site: "America is at war, not only with Iraq but with itself. Many Americans are slowly beginning to realize that the norms of American comfort come at the cost of foreign discomfort. Our leaders have always known this... They aim to manipulate the world for their own personal gain... I recognize colonial imperialism under any name and refuse to allow the goals of our leaders to be perpetuated in my name..."

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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22 Pinpoint
23 Press
24 Prepare walls
25 Drive up the wall
28 Dash
29 Tie
32 Homestead units
33 Power unit
34 Honor
35 Broadway
38 Fervor
39 Cut of meat
40 Look again
41 Strange
42 Reject a bill
43 Mash Colonel
44 Margarita ingredient
45 Pulls
46 Go against
49 Footwear
50 Mr. Buchanan
53 Kindergarten activity
56 Telephone connection
57 Yankees
58 Candid
59 Car
60 Dry
61 Patch

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1 Fashion designer Chanel
2 Surrounded by
3 Sack
4 And so forth
5 Fashionable ski resort
6 Film place
7 Slip up
8 Causes pain
9 Compel
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11 Borscht ingredient
12 Tender
17 State of agitation
18 Before long
19 Leak out slowly
23 Flawless
24 Smooth fabric
25 Passover food
26 Felt pain
27 Anticipate with reluctance
28 Ham's need
29 Body's mid point
30 Dais resident
31 Prevent
33 Dropped a line
34 Worries
36 Weather factors
37 Mason's need
42 Plastic money
43 Resort highlight
44 Rob, Chad and family
45 Subject
46 1952 Winter Olympics venue
47 TV Doctor
48 Swimming hole
49 Nicholson for one
50 Tobacco container
51 Final saying
52 Look after
54 Unsatisfactory grade
55 Dooley of song

Quotable Quote

Acting is the most minor of gifts and not a very high-class way to earn a living. After all, Shirley Temple could do it at the age of four.

• • • *Katharine Hepburn*

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Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers:

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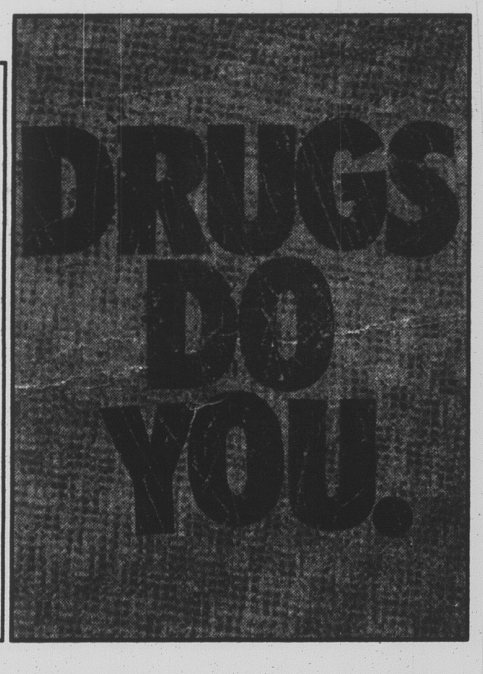

HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Your strength and courage will be required during this week to meet a personal challenge... this seems to be an inner struggle of self worth. You may become privy to information concerning a financial matter, don't take any advice lightly.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
You have alot going for you this week, so try to use that positive energy wisely. Keep your goals ever in mind, and be willing to wait for just the right time. Your self-confidence is renewed and those around you will no doubt benefit. Find approval and love from within.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
It may be time to make a change in a relationship that is eating up your time and energy - it just may not be worth the effort. If you are overloaded at work, let a supervisor know that you need help. Feelings will be expressed which are sincere, so take them to heart.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Stand up for yourself and don't let anyone, friend or family, get away with what is rightfully yours. If you are in the market for Mr. or Mrs. Right, they may be right in front of your eyes, so keep your eyes open. Don't be manipulated by guilt into doing something undesirable.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Hard work and more hard work will give you an enormous sense of satisfaction this week. Time seems to fly because you are so wrapped up in a current project. This will lay a foundation on which success will surely be built. You will attract positive notice.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
A fresh start this week may be just what you need. Your financial situation seems to be improving steadily, though maybe not as quickly as you would like. This new beginning just may be marred by your inclination to go for glitter instead of substance and quality.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Don't put all your eggs into one basket this week, especially regarding relationships. Relying to heavily on others will only hurt and disappoint you. Motivation will take hold of you and with a little blood flowing, your enthusiasm will affect all those around you.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
The blues may be trying to follow you throughout the week. There is truly an abundance of love and affection surrounding you from just about everywhere, so there is no reason to stay withdrawn. Do not jump to conclusions about a co-worker, things aren't always what they seem.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
It may be time to make that commitment to a primary relationship which is long overdue. If you are having second thoughts, it is no doubt time to talk about whether or not it's worth investing more time and energy into something which may not be beneficial to either of you.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
You seem to be easily influenced during the week, which is very uncharacteristic for you. Could it be some sweet face has you in it's spell? Try to keep your temper in check when someone in the workplace tries to push your buttons. Not everyone meets your high moral code.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Communications will be very important during the week. Your significant other may be feeling left out and needs the reassurance that they crave, children may need guidance concerning educational matters, and friends need support regarding a life decision.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Protect your feelings during the week by keeping them to yourself. If you do something nice for someone else, don't expect to be thanked, there are things which need to be done for their own sake. Take people for what they are, not what you want them to be.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You may be accused of being both elusive and shallow. And you are elusive in order to protect the privacy you consider so very precious. You are not shallow, but have the ability to detach your emotions from your intellect, and tend to just skim the surface of many things.

FEATURE

Interactive Story of the Week

Fritos and dreams: A hungry tale from the subconscious

"Ahhhhh!" Bob screamed as his weightless body plummeted faster and faster toward the ground. **(Kim Duschek, first year)** He had just fallen off the wobbly riser during choir rehearsal. **(Tina Cole, junior)** He then stood up but realizing his leg was broken, he fell back down. **(Nick Turko, senior)** But his leg wasn't broken so he decided to go to the beach in his bikini to get a good tan. **(Laura Elder, sophomore)**

Then he asked for some Chili Fritos **(Nikky Douglas, first year)** with some hot sauce. **(Stephanie Cole, first year)** After eating this food he started to have gastro-intestinal problems so he ran desperately towards an outhouse. **(Tom Oyer, sophomore)**

However, the outhouse wasn't really an outhouse, it was actually a ballroom disguised as an outhouse. **(Katherine Miller, junior)** He ran in the ballroom and saw a bunch of people dancing and partying. Out of desperation, he ran through the crowd, only to find that there was no bathroom. So, he ran to the back of the ballroom. **(Damaris Wallace, junior)**

Upon reaching the back of the building, he saw a person that he knew to be his girlfriend, only in the form of a small circus carni, performing back flips in the buff. This shocked him so tremendously that he awoke, thought for a second, and said, "What a retarded dream. Who thinks of this kind of thing?" **(Richard Leigh, senior)**

Then Bob exclaimed, "Chickens are very wrong!" **(John Hanlon, senior)** He then added, "It is so hard when I'm always so right!" **(Jenn Hooks, senior)** He then got up, washed his face and set out for a fun filled day of walking his dog and went and got snow cones at a baseball game. **(Richard Humphrey, first year)** Then he ate raw butter with a spoon. He felt this would be in his best interest. **(Pat Grandy, senior)** Just then he saw his girlfriend walking towards him. She was wearing circus pants! He stood there stunned as she walked over, kissed him on the cheek, and handed him…Chili Fritos with hot sauce!! AHHHH!! **(Janeen Griffith, senior)**

Senioritis: No one wants to grow up

by Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

I have a confession to make. And I know that by addressing my feature followers with the ordeal some water might be hosed on the cigarette in the couch fire. Some of you out there could be experiencing the same thoughts and feelings. I hope I am not alone on this one. Someone else had to have fallen asleep on the couch with cigarette in hand, right?

Do you know what is really hard for me right now? I mean I knew it would happen, but I didn't imagine anything of this vitality. Everyday is a struggle, as if someone were trying to make me swim up a creek, against the current, clothes and shoes included. (Who thinks that?) My problem - pushing myself through the last few weeks of senior year.

I feel pathetic. Life has gotten to the point where I can't even read anymore, not unwillingly, words just can't compute into meaningful configuration. When I sit down to do homework, my brain freezes like someone stopped the daily minute. Class attendance, I make it but am I really there?

High school senior year…I missed 31 days, the maximum before problems start. Senioritis was on the pathetic level, but this, this classification is unfathomable.

It is time to move on, to the "real world," whatever that configures to. I know I have no idea what I am in for. I have never been on my own, been responsible for rent, car payments, grocery bills, phone and internet connections, property taxes, there is a lot to consider that I don't. But there is something about being in one place for too long. I think I have become too comfortable in a life I know I have to leave.

I was discussing this excessive comfort with a friend last night, thinking of how in a few short months the lifestyles we live will cease to exist. Sure, we don't have to change the person that we are, but we will have responsibilities, These responsibilities include many and more of the expenses listed above. Not to mention having a real job. No more shelving books for me…that's right, I am moving on, somewhere that can pay me more than 5-something an hour. Any suggestions?

Would you believe me if I admitted that I don't want a job. I know I need to pay my bills, those darn expenses, but I am so burnt out from academics, from making my mind think intelligent thoughts, if you can even call them that. I need something that requires my brain cells to lounge on a poolside deck with a infinitely filled glass of iced tea to quench their shriveled, exhausted fibers.

I have spent the past few months contemplating the rush of life. From the time we are five, we are enrolled in class after class after class, year after agonizing year, to try to rise above the rest. What ladder are we climbing?

After high school it is either go to college or get a job…but somehow, society wraps its cruel fingers around our necks so tight that college has to be the first stop off the yellow bus.

My question, why are we forced to be in such a hurry?

Do you think I was prepared at the age of 17 to decide on a nine to five position that I would walk into at 21 and not leave until I am a crisp 72? I sure thought I did.

When I look back now, it makes me wonder what I was in such a hurry for. Why should I grow up? Why did I join the race, only to fall, scraping my legs so bad that I have become immobile in the rat pack? I am probably more uncertain than I ever have been about everything, everything in life. And it doesn't help that I still have to pass my classes to have the honor of getting out of here.

Now, don't get me wrong, Westminster has molded me in its own way to paddle up the creek into so-called "real life." It is kind of hard when the more than likely option is living in a dorm room for four years, no chance to pay rent, groceries bills, cable – you know, the expenses, it's all about the expenses. I feel very unprepared for the passage into the main river, full flowing with ducks, fish and sewage congesting my way.

I made it through the wretched last year at good old Oil City High School, just like I'll make it to this walk across the stage. Hey, where is graduation held at Westminster anyway? How many more days?

ATTENTION STUDENTS and ORGANIZATIONS:

Do you have a good idea for a news story?

Would you like a staff writer to cover a specific event?

Send us your flyers or announcements.

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or
Capmus Box #157

Hungry?

Children's Miracle Network
hospitals helping kids

Phi Mu's are currently selling Jameson's Finest Chocolate bars to raise money for their CMN philanthropy.

Price is $1 per chocolate bar

Flavors include: Milk chocolate, Almond, Crisped Rice

CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted to buy: computer monitor. Call Carol at (724) 946-7190.

For Sale: Jupiter alto saxophone with case. Excellent condition, $500 or best offer. Call Erin at ext. 6796 for more information.

Titan Towels are available to order from the Public Relations Student Society of America. They are available in two graphics: the Towering Titan logo or the WC logo for $5 each. Send all orders with payment to Delores Natale, PRSSA Advisor, Box 56, Westminster College, New Wilmington PA 16172. All orders outside of New Wilmington should add $1 shipping per towel.

CPR Training: The Department of Physical Education will be offering American Red Cross **Recertification Classes for Adult CPR and CPR For the Professional Rescuer.**

The CPR classes will be held on Monday, April 28, 5:30-8:30 pm in the Field House. Adult CPR class is $30. Profssional Rescuer is $40.

Adult CPR-must possess a current American Red Cross Adult CPR Certificate. Must bring textbook, pocket mask, and pen or pencil.

Professional Rescuer-must possess current Professional Rescuer Certificate. Must bring textbook, pocket mask, and a pen or pencil.

For registration information, contact Coach Klamut at x7315 or e-mail klamutrg@westminster.edu. Registration for the CPR classes close at 3:30 pm, April 24.

Babysitter Wanted: 8:30 - 2:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Call 724-533-3183 after 3 pm leave a message. Experianced and interested personnel only. Provide own transportation.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 11
11:40 a.m. Chapel
7:00 p.m. Gospel Choir Concert - Chapel
8:00 p.m. CPC Presents Edgar Cruz - Down Under
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Cafe - Down Under

SATURDAY 12
RELAY FOR LIFE
EARTH DAY - Anderson Amphitheater or Tent
11:00 a.m. M&W Track & Field @ Mount Union Invitational
1:00 p.m. Softball @ Bethany
1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. W&J (H)
3:00 p.m. Student Recital: April Lattanzio - Chapel (Tentative Date)
7:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY 13
PALM SUNDAY
1:00 p.m. M Golf @ Hershey Invitational
1:00 p.m. Baseball @ W&J
3:00 p.m. Women's Choir Concert - Chapel
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Palm Sunday/Easter Vespers
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie

MONDAY 14
GREEN WEEK
9:00 a.m. M Golf @ Hershey Invitational
10:00 a.m. W Golf: M.L. Cleland Eckles Invitational (H)
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:15 p.m. Panhel Greek Organizations' Meetings
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Late Night - Down Under

TUESDAY 15
File 2003 FAFSA
11:00 a.m. LEAD Workshop & Luncheon - Orr Mezzanine
1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Pitt-Greensburg (H)
3:00 p.m. M Tennis @ Thiel
4:00 p.m. Softball vs. Thiel (H)
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
7:00 p.m. First-Year Women's Room Drawing - Russell Dining Room
7:00 p.m. International Film Festival - Down Under
7:30 p.m. Men's Choir Concert - Chapel
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Late Night - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 16
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: BYOL Discussions - PH 311
1:00 p.m. W Golf @ Waynesburg Invitational
3:00 p.m. M Tennis vs. Bethany (H)
4:30 p.m. Children's Literature Group - TC 315
Discussion Book: Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
8:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Outdoor and Conservation Club Meeting - HSC 369
9:30 p.m. Seekers Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 17
FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER
4:00 p.m. Softball @ Waynesburg
4:00 p.m. Chronicles of Narnia Study - Ferguson Lobby
6:00 p.m. Residence Halls Close for Break
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service - Chapel

At the Down Under

Friday

Guitarist - Edgar Cruz
8:00 pm

JT's Cafe
10:00 pm to 2:00 am

Free Popcorn and Pop

Saturday

Closed for Relay for Life
10:00 am to 10:00 pm
Burry Track

Sunday

Movie - "Two Weeks"

Free Popcorn and Pop

Weekly Events:

Late Night

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays
10:00 pm - 1:00 am

Coming Soon....

Spring Gala May 2
Chestnut Street Cafe
Buses leave Old 77 at 9:00 pm
$5 with WC ID; $7 otherwise

JT's Cafe May 2, 10:00 pm to 2:00 am

VolleyRock May 3, All Day

Friday, April 25, 2003

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Miss Titan: Masculinity at its finest

by Megan Sigler
Staff Writer

Miss Kappa Delta Greg Smith was crowned Miss Titan 2003 on Wednesday, April 23. The pageant featured candidates representing 12 Greek organizations, all vying for the coveted crown which was presented to the winner by last year's Miss Titan, Dave DiDesiderio.

The event, which was sponsored by the sisters of Sigma Kappa, included both a swimsuit and evening gown competition. After the "ladies" strutted their stuff across the stage and poised for the judges, they were each given the opportunity to showcase their personalities in the question and answer period.

When Smith was asked what kitchen appliance he would most like to be, his winning response was a "deep fryer." "Because not only would I be sizzling and hot, but also because I love fried chicken," Smith said.

Later on in the show, Smith also said he didn't believe that girls should try to fit into a certain image by dieting, because it is more important for girls to be themselves and eat all their favorite foods, including, of course, fried chicken.

Smith was surprised that he had been chosen as the winner. "It's pretty funny because I figured someone who actually looked like a woman would win. I was going for the trashy look, not the classy look."

However, Smith's love for fried chicken, along with his unique style, managed to win the hearts of the TUB ladies, who served as the night's judges. After their final decision was made, Smith's name was announced by Sigma Kappa Foundations Chair Jill Klobusnik, who organized the event.

When Smith was presented with the

photo by Lindsey Robertson
Sigma Kappa Billie Nicholson escorts Greg Smith, Miss Titan 2003

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Campus Snapshots

Cancer survivors led the way during Westminster's annual Relay for Life. This event is sponsored by the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. The banner to the left reads "There is no finish line until we find a cure."

photo by Amy Sasfai

Tuition rises 7 percent

by Mary Huebert
Staff Writer

Although it was sent on April Fool's Day, President Williamson's letter announcing the seven percent tuition increase was no joke.

Due to the suffering economy and a decrease in the value of endowments, the Board of Trustees voted to approve a seven percent increase in the cost of tuition and fees for the 2003-04 academic year. Student charges constitute less than 75 percent of the College's yearly revenue. Funds from the government, contributors and endowments have declined, so the college must take in additional revenue in order to balance the budget. These funds are going to come from student charges.

"Our financial goal at Westminster is to balance the budget each year, keeping quality up while effecting efficiencies where we can," President R. Thomas Williamson said. "This year has been a difficult year for all colleges because of increases in fuel prices, insurance costs and reduction in endowment income."

Many students, although not happy with the increase, seem to understand the need for a raise in the cost of tuition.

"Colleges are in the money making business which makes raising tuition prices more understandable," junior John Libert said. "But that doesn't make it anymore enjoyable for students."

Student Government Association President Christy Atkins recognized that the tuition increase would be hard for many students and their families; however, she also realized the potential benefits of such an increase.

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Friday: Cloudy high 60° low 50°

Saturday: Cloudy high 66 low 51°

Sunday: Cloudy high 62° low 53°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Students and faculty tour new Campus Center

by Teale Ganster
Staff Writer

The long awaited opening of the Andrew J. McKelvey Campus Center is just around the corner. Students and faculty had an early preview of the new campus center at an open house held Tuesday April 15 and Wednesday April 16.

"I'm amazed how everything has come together," junior Stefanie Maccaglia said. "For those of us who have been here from the beginning [of construction] it's nice to see the final project."

The campus center is scheduled to open in the fall of 2003. This is exciting news for both students and faculty. "This is a place for not just fun and games, but for studying too," Jeannette Hooks, director of diversity services, said. "It's a one-stop shop."

photo by Josh Storey

Student hosts, like Amanda Moore, helped students and faculty get acquainted with the new campus center

There are three floors in the center connected by a beautiful wrap-around staircase. The ground floor is where the TUB Grille and the new mailroom are located. The TUB has been completely remodeled and there are computer outlets for students to stay directly connected. The mailroom is newly remodeled and provides students and faculty with new, larger mailboxes.

The second floor is home to all offices, including Student Affairs and many student organizations. This floor is where the new theater/lecture hall is located. The theater can seat seventy-five people. Another feature on the second floor is the student lounge. This room, with its comfortable, trendy furniture, two plasma big screen televisions, pool table, and soda/popcorn bar, allows students to relax and enjoy themselves.

The third floor includes the new Witherspoon ballroom, made up of two rooms: Witherspoon Lakeview and Witherspoon Maple. Combined, the room can seat approximately three hundred people. Both rooms feature electric projecting television screens.

Soon, the rooms featured in the open house can be reserved for campus organizations. "Everyone is getting excited about reserving rooms," associate Dean of Student Affairs, Camille Hawthorne said. "We are reserving rooms for campus organizations. Hopefully, we can accommodate everyone."

Allies attend regional networking conference

by Katie Fisher
Staff Writer

Eight members of Allies, the gay-straight alliance on campus, attended the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender conference at the Pennsylvania College of Technology the first weekend of April.

Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian Allies and Discussion sponsored the conference and gave students the opportunity to become educated on an array of LGBT topics, meet other people, attend workshops and discuss important issues. BGLAD feels that by attending the conference, one can gain valuable resources and help strengthen the alliance.

A variety of speakers conducted the seminars, lectures, and workshops at the conference. Josh Ferris, a junior at the University of Pittsburgh, gave a lecture about the Hensen vs. Pitt lawsuit. Hensen, a former professor at Pitt, was being denied health benefits for her same-sex life partner.

"This was a really cool talk to go to because we got to discuss with Josh our current battle with Westminster to allow the same sort of benefits for faculty members," junior Carolyn Miller said.

Other speakers were Dr. Grace Fala from Juniata College, musician Skott Freedman, Nathaniel Evan Wolfe, and several others. Fala gave a talk titled, "Experience Beauty in Yourself," in which she invited audience members to discover and experience itself as wise. "There was an electricity in the air when she spoke. You could almost feel a flow of energy between people," junior Rachel Lange said.

Freedman talked about battling biphobia and bringing bisexuals back into the LBGT community. He has conducted various workshops and activities centering on awareness and acceptance of bisexuality. " I was extremely impressed by Freedman. He is so young, and so passionate about what he believes in. He left a strong impression on all of us," said Lange.

Wolfe, being a transsexual himself, spoke on various transgender issues. Pennsylvania allowed her to change her name and gender legally in 2000, and since then has been able to share the experience. "The talk was amazingly informative. He went over a lot of the different terms and definitions, and explained a lot of the procedures and surgeries necessary. I feel really knowledgeable now," stated Miller.

Members also got to participate in a project called PFLAG, which stands for Parents, Families, Friends, of Lesbians and Gays. The project entailed choosing a piece of felt material, each color of felt representing something different. The colors were chosen based on some sort of discrimination due to sexual preferences. For example, one would chose red if they knew anyone who was actually killed due to sexual preference. The pieces of felt were then decorated, telling the experience that the person went through and sewn together. "It was like a creative outlet for frustration and a tapestry of people's experience," said Lange.

The conference concluded on Sunday, but the members of Allies returned home with so much more than they had left with. "This was definitely a life-changing experience. I have made so many new friendships with people from other schools that I will treasure for years to come," sophomore Tom Oyer said.

Allies President Sara Kimbell felt the conference was one of the best things she had ever attended. "It was so wonderful to see a room full of people who felt strongly about LGBT issues. I felt wonderful about bringing eight people to the conference and hope that next year, we can bring even more."

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crown, he also received a large ceramic stein with gold lettering and a gift certificate for a 24-cut pizza to Alice's. "You know how those boys have big appetites," Klobusnik said.

The sisters of Sigma Kappa worked very hard to organize and publicize the pageant and were happy with the show's success. "It was a lot of work, but it was definitely worth all of the long hours we put in to make it possible," Klobusnik said. "We couldn't have done it without the guys' cooperation. They all looked great and put a lot of time into the pageant too." All of the hard work paid off. Over $1,000 was raised for Sigma Kappa's philanthropy, Alzheimer's disease research, due to the large turnout Wednesday night.

The audience enjoyed the show as well, which was evident due to the laughter and cheers that filled up Orr Auditorium that night. This was sophomore Sara Noel's second time attending the show and she looks forward to going again next year. "I thought that all the contestants were very funny, and it was something that both Greeks and independents could enjoy," she said.

Miss Titan has been an annual Greek Week event for 19 years since Sigma Kappa added Alzheimer's to its philanthropy program in 1984. Alzheimer's is an increasingly serious problem and is the fourth leading cause of death among America's elderly population.

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"It's unfortunate that tuition has had to increase because it is so difficult for most students and their families to have to pay for a college education," she said. "But I also see the need for Westminster to remain competitive by providing students with the best opportunities in education."

Some students want to know who is going to benefit from this increased revenue. "I would feel better about it if I knew exactly what my money was going toward," sophomore Jaime Carter said. "I just hope there will be more grants and scholarships available to students to help make up for the increased costs."

Williamson said that the increase in room charges will help pay for a sprinkler system in residence halls. The installation of the sprinklers will take place over the next two summers. Williamson also indicated that, contrary to popular belief, the funds from the tuition increase would not be used to pay for the Campus Center.

"The Campus Center is paid for with the exception of a $1.7 million loan that will be paid off as the remaining pledges come in over three years," Williamson said. "Even the interest on the loan is paid for by the pledges."

The revenue received from increased tuition will not cover the other campus projects laid out in the new strategic plan. The strategic plan includes the creation of the Marge Walker Recreation Center in Old 77, improvements to Old Main and the renovation of McGill Library. These are all to be paid for by outside contributions.

What is so important about being Earnest?

by Amy DalBon
Staff Writer

Theatre Westminster will perform The Importance of Being Earnest in Beeghly Theater May 1, 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. and again on May 4 at 2:30 p.m.

Dr. Scott Mackenzie, assistant professor of theatre, is directing this British comedy/satire. This show is different to the Theatre Westminster program for two reasons. First, this show will be Mackenzie's directing debut for Westminster. Also this show has a style different from the shows recently performed on Beeghly's stage. Instead of the more somber shows that the theater has performed lately, Earnest provides a humorous and satirical look at British upper class society while dealing with love and deception. This performance will actually be the fourth time Theatre Westminster has done Earnest.

"It's been done before but it creates a good learning experience. It's a classic," Mackenzie said.

Some adjustments had to be made, however, during the first few rehearsals.

"The students weren't used to my style of directing and I had to adjust to their expectations of how a director acts and runs things," he said.

Also helping in this production is assistant director Caryn Nicholson, who is very excited about her new off-stage position. "It is quite a different experience to actually see the process, and have a part in leading it," she said.

The actors, who have been rehearsing every night in preparation for the show, have learned British dialects and high society mannerisms and society rules in order properly reflect the time period.

"I've never had to do a show with a dialect before," said sophomore theatre major Kauleen Cloutier. "It really makes the process of developing a character difficult."

"I'm really happy with the dialects, they are much stronger than I had expected," Mackenzie said.

Despite all the obstacles that the actors have faced they are enjoying the change.

"Out of all the casts I have worked with, this cast bonded the quickest. The 1890s were a very stylized period and it was difficult to learn everything that we needed to know about the period. This cast has risen to the challenge and every member has given a 110 percent of their time," Cloutier said.

photo by Josh Storey

Theater major Will Stover helps with set construction for the show.

Other members of the cast include: junior Erin Halpin, sophomore Lindsay Ponsonby, junior Nate Zuzack, sophomore Will Stover, sophomore Justin Bryan, junior Alisa Locke, junior Drew Huston, and first-year Sarah Baines-Miller.

Speaker uses physical strength to minister area youths

by Sarah Washington
Staff Writer

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes featured guest speaker Steve McGranahan on Monday, April 14.

Tom Rapchak, area representative of FCA, explained where he met McGranahan. "I met him at a strong man competition in Grove City," Rapchak said. "I was asked to pray over the event and that's when I met him there."

McGranahan talked about God, but the way he showed his appreciation and told his different stories was through bending nails. He said he was inspired by a guy he saw bend nails.

"I saw a guy minister and bend nails," McGranahan said. "I went home and tried and couldn't bend it, so I asked the Lord for strength."

He bent nails whose sizes ranged from 20-penny to 60-penny. To show his strength, he demonstrated how it takes about 300 pounds of pressure bend a 14-inch spike by 3/8 of an inch in diameter.

During one of the bending demonstrations, he bent over, twisted the tool with a green towel and cried out, "Help me Lord!"

The crowd was mesmerized as he twisted the towel around the tool, leaned over and applied 300 pounds of pressure to bend the tool.

The next demonstration the audience sat in amazement as he also broke a forge wrench and ripped a deck of cards in half and tore the half into a quarter.

He talked about the different blessing his family received and how many times he had to say no to people.

"My car blew a heat gasket and two people wanted to give us [his wife and him] cars," McGranhan said. "We have to say no sometimes because of the blessings."

He advised people to avoid sinful acts. "God can't work through sin," Granahan said. "God is pure...he kept me alive to tell you about him."

McGranahan explained to the crowd that God was going to give them a ministry. God was going to supply all their needs and it was going to be a blast.

McGranahan was excited to tell the audience about God's power and what God has done for him. He quoted scriptures such as Philippians 4:13. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

The speaker talked about personal issue in his life and how God had helped him through. "Don't stop believing the awesome thing God can do in your life," he said.

As the night came to an end, McGranahan encouraged people to have humble hearts ands seek the kingdom of God because He has great plans for the future.

McGranahan ministers to people locally and throughout Western Pennsylvania and Ohio. He has been ministering for the last two years.

Public relations major and former FCA president, Bridgette Kennedy thought the speaker was great. "He was unpredictable and he really caught my attention," Kennedy said. " I enjoyed his message [about] giving God control of life."

According to the definition in the Westminster calendar, the FCA encourages men and women to integrate the Christian faith in their athletic involvement.

FCA began at Westminster in 1969. "For the last couple of years we've been meeting every Monday night [at 9 p.m. in the Down Under]," Chaplain Steve Allen said.

College offers South Africa cluster travel course

by Josh Flaim
Staff Writer

Dr. Kent Carter and Dr. Andrea Grove are teaching a cluster course in fall 2003, which will travel to South Africa.

The cluster course consists of Political Science 235, Politics and Societies in Africa, taught by Grove, and Business Administration 280, The African Business Environment: Social Change, which is taught by Carter. After completing these courses, Grove, Carter and students in the courses will travel to South Africa January 3 through the 13, 2004.

"I am excited to teach this course, and then be able to travel to an exotic setting and experience all the things we have learned in the classroom," Grove said.

On the first part of their trip, the group will visit South Africa's capital, Cape Town, for 5 days. While in Cape Town, the group will tour the government buildings, townships and offices. The group will also tour the prison that held Nelson Mandela, which is located on Robben Island. They will experience diverse cultures and African music while in Cape Town.

For the second part of the trip, the group will go to the Kruger Park Game Preserve for three days. Here, the group will get to experience the atmosphere of the African outdoors.

"At the preserve, you camp out in tents, and you are out there with all the animals," Grove said.

As of now, nine students are enrolled in the South Africa cluster course. The price of the trip per person as of now is 3,700 dollars. The trip was originally scheduled to go from January 3 through the 17, 2004, but had to be condensed due to the high cost for such a small group.

"I am excited for the experience of the courses," freshman Lauren Scheller said. "When else do you get a chance to go to South Africa?"

Sophomore Jessica Bevan is interested in the trip but cannot go due to money constraints. "The trip sounds really cool. Maybe someone will send me a postcard."

Junior Josh Storey agrees that the trip is interesting, but is surprised they are going to South Africa. "It's a politcally and economically turbulent area."

Your Student Government Association

by Erin Halpin
Contributing Writer

With the end of school rapidly approaching, there is not much for me to report this week. So here is what is going on:

VolleyRock is coming up! Don't forget to keep your calendar open Saturday, May 3rd. We have a little over one hundred teams this year, so it will be a lot of fun!

Our academic committee is looking into getting a sign language class. We are still waiting to hear if we can have it added to the curriculum.

If you are in a student organization, then you probably know that it is time for audits. They have been going very well and we hope to have a meeting with organization advisors to clear up audit issues.

Thanks to the judicial committee, MTV will be on the cable line-up for next year. The judicial committee has worked very hard on the cable issues, and we thank them for their efforts.

SGA Promotions Day will be Monday, May 5th. There will be donuts and drinks in Orr Lobby from 9am to 11am. Also, if you don't feel like walking to class, hitch a ride on one of our golf carts. We will be providing rides all day.

If you don't have any plans this weekend, go to the Pirate's game on Sunday, the 27th. It should be a lot of fun. Contact Greg Smith if you are interested.

That's about all for this week. As always, you are more than welcome at our meetings. We also like to hear from you, so send your questions and comments to SGA@westminster.edu. Have a great weekend!

Students react to the war in Iraq

by Christine Atkins
Staff Writer

Opposing views related to the war have surfaced on campus, and students are taking a stand both individually and through different student organizations.

Many students were reluctant to comment when asked about how they felt about the war. Several of them said that they weren't sure how they felt either way, and some said they were not informed enough to make a statement. In contrast, there were also many students who did have something to say about the war.

"The war really became a reality to me when so many soldiers were shipped to Iraq. I think that was the case for many people, especially since a lot of people know someone that is a soldier for the United States government," first-year Amy Schroder said. "I think in general, the war has shown how strong we are as a country."

Some students consider themselves pacifists. "I don't really know a lot about the Iraqi war, but since I am a pacifist, I don't believe in war, period. It's not that I am against the American soldiers, I am just against the idea of war in all circumstances," junior Elizabeth Grepp said.

Other students feel that because people are uninformed and uneducated about the war, they may be making uneducated decisions about how to respond to the war. "I don't think many people are looking at what Saddam Hussein has done to the Iraqi people in the past. The peace tactic has been tried with Iraq and unfortunately hasn't worked out. This is mostly due to the fact that Saddam is not a peaceful person to begin with," junior Kim Klappert said.

Some students are confused about why we are at war in the first place. "Personally, I don't think that the dispute between countries should have ever come to war, but something obviously needed to be done with the Iraqi government," said sophomore Chris Hatch. "Now that we have been at war, I don't think we have a choice but to support our troops there and what they are doing for the Iraqi people and our country."

Other students are wondering why President Bush is focusing all of his attention on Iraq and not on other terrorist countries. "I understand why President Bush is promoting the war, but I don't understand why we are only focusing on Iraq and not other terrorist countries like Afghanistan," junior Melissa Logan said.

As for the campus's general reaction to the war, many students have made similar observations. "The campus doesn't seem to put a lot of emphasis on the war and how we can be active participants in supporting our troops and our government. It seems that individual students are making more of an effort to educate the campus than the actual college is," sophomore Emily Stanton said.

Senior Kelli Russo made a similar observation. "The campus doesn't seem to be reacting to the war as much as the community is. I have noticed the support within the community through the various United States flags and yellow ribbons."

Two student organizations on campus, the Green Party and Young Republicans, have made an effort to educate and promote students awareness in regards to the war. The Green Party has gone to protests almost every weekend since talks of the war began and they organized a protest in New Castle.

"Some students are interested in the war and are involved in our protests, but most students don't agree with us (the Green Party) or just don't care," junior Green Party member Ken Jae said.

The Young Republicans has also made an effort to promote interest and awareness to the campus community. Recently, the Young Republicans handed out yellow ribbons to students in order to promote and support U.S. troops in Iraq. They are also planning to go to Grove City for a "Support the Troops" rally.

Russ Mills, the co-founder of Young Republicans, has his own view of the war with Iraq. "I feel that you can't support the troops and protest the war at the same time. There is a negative psychological effect on the soldiers who are over seas and see people protesting against the war."

According to Student Health Center counselor, Barbara Quincy, students also may be feeling negative effects of the war. "I haven't seen any students that have come to me specifically regarding the war, but I have noticed an increased level of stress and anxiety among students in particular this semester. This increase in stress and anxiety could very well be tied to the war with Iraq," Quincy said.

Pi Sigma Pi to induct new members Sat.

by Sarah Bowers
Staff Writer

Pi Sigma Pi inductions will be held Saturday, April 26 at 11 a.m. in Orr Auditorium.

This organization is considered the highest academic honorary distinction at Westminster. Pi Sigma Pi has been in existence at the college since 1984. It focuses on and honors superior students who excel in their courses.

Dr. Clarence Harms was the organization's advisor until 1996, when he retired after eight years. According to Harms, Pi Sigma Pi was designed to closely follow the plan of the Phi Beta Kappa society, which is the highest liberal arts honorary society into which a student can be inducted.

"I was both honored and supported by the group," Harms said. "I made lifelong friends and had the chance to meet other outstanding students."

Although this association is traditionally made up of juniors, there are a few seniors being inducted this year. This group consists of 31 seniors, five LLP students, and 50 juniors.

Qualifications for the organization include a 3.6 grade point average and a total of 80 semester hours. Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, Jesse Mann, agrees that Pi Sigma Pi is a very prestigious honor society.

"It's the highest academic honor that a student can receive, and we are very proud of the tremendous efforts these exceptional students put forth everyday," he said.

The members will be recognized at the honors convocation. Each year, they meet before the actual ceremony to clarify exactly which students are in attendance, to line up alphabetically and to elect a new president of the organization.

Many future inductees, including junior public relations major Melissa Logan, have gained a sense of fulfillment from being considered for such a high honor.

"It's a great feeling to be recognized for my academic achievements. It's nice to see that all the studying and hard work has finally paid off," she said.

"I'm so honored to be a part of such a well-respected society. Being inducted into this organization helped me realize that all of my efforts are well worth it," junior business major Heather Jones said.

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Christian organization offers solace to seaman far from home

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Ramon Yarza spends 10 months of the year at sea aboard a cargo ship. When he tires of the monotony below deck and the long work hours, he focuses on the few advantages of the job.

"I like it because I travel the world for free and I have a good salary," he said.

But his thoughts are always with his wife and five children in the Philippines. He looks forward to the few hours he can spend ashore to write them a postcard or make a quick phone call home.

The long months at sea take their toll on Yarza and other seafarers like him with families to support. Living conditions can degenerate in such close quarters and friction sometimes develops between crew and officers. They find some comfort in port at The Seamen's Church Institute of Philadelphia.

For 160 years the institute has set out its welcome mat for seafarers in port on the Delaware River. Crews are treated to an evening of shopping in Philadelphia or Camden, N.J., or a game of table tennis or billiards at the institute. The staff will step in as a mediator between the officers of the 2,000 or so cargo ships it serves and the roughly 15,000 seafarers who pass through each year.

Free Internet service, international phone cards and a library of books and newspapers in more than a dozen languages are made available to the men.

When the institute moved in February from a former bank building near the city's waterfront to a renovated downtown warehouse, the staff kept the crews in mind: Additional space was carved out to accommodate more computer terminals and phone booths, a new chapel and an indoor basketball court.

For the men working on the vessels, shore leave, however brief, relieves the stress of being away from family and friends, working round-the-clock shifts at increasingly automated jobs and dealing with language barriers on board.

"It's a very lonely existence," said the Rev. James D. Von Dreele, the institute's executive director. "When they get into port, they want to have a change of pace."

The Regal Star, a Japanese-owned cargo ship, employs Yarza as a refrigeration engineer. It stayed in port for about a day while the men unloaded bananas and pineapples before heading to Costa Rica for more fruit. Crew members stopping at the Seamen's Church Institute asked for postcards and phone cards.

The Seamen's Church Institute is part of a global network - stretching across six continents from Fiji to Vancouver - established by the Anglican Church. Von Dreele is an Episcopal priest, but the staff also has a Roman Catholic priest, a Baptist minister and a Korean Presbyterian minister.

Incriminating letter found in relation to recent kidnapping

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Hours before kidnapping his niece and killing her parents, Robert Lee Hixson learned he would probably be charged with sending the girl a sexually explicit letter, authorities said.

The 13-year-old girl's parents had twice called Pocono Mountain police about Hixson - once over the letter they found, and last month when they came home to find their daughter in Hixson's truck, a prosecutor said.

"They were adamant about him not having any contact with her whatsoever," Monroe County District Attorney Mark P. Pazuhanich said.

Myron L. "Butch" Bilger Jr. - whose sister is married to Hixson - and his wife, Ellen, may have been aware of Hixson's criminal record, which includes convictions for felony child abuse and aggravated assault, and an acquittal in a 1984 rape trial, Pazuhanich said.

At about 9:20 p.m. Saturday, authorities said Hixson stormed into the couple's Pocono Lake home and used a stolen, sawed-off shotgun to kill them both before fleeing with Hadley Bilger.

Hixson released the 13-year-old girl shortly before noon on Sunday in Berks County, as police closed in, and surrendered after a four-hour standoff, authorities said.

Hixson, who lives about 70 miles away in Danville, had met with Pocono Mountain police late Saturday afternoon, Pazuhanich said. Afterward, he dropped his wife off at her parents' home in Danville, saying he planned to go fishing.

Police believe he then took his niece to a hunting cabin during his 14 hours on the run, and they are investigating whether the girl was sexually assaulted, the prosecutor said.

Pazuhanich likely will seek the death penalty, because of the multiple deaths and because they were allegedly done in connection with a kidnapping.

Hixson, who does not yet have a lawyer, is being held without bond pending a May 1 preliminary hearing.

According to court records in San Diego, Calif., Hixson was sentenced to 180 days in jail in 1988 after he and his then-wife, Kimberly, were convicted of felony child abuse.

In 1993, a jury convicted him of attacking Lana Slotterback, a platonic friend he had known for years, with a clawhammer. Hixson apparently became upset when she looked in his ex-wife's closet for a dry pair of shoes, after hers got wet in the rain, former Columbia County District Attorney William Kreisher said.

Hixson was sentenced to two to four years in prison for the crime.

Hixson's divorce from Kimberly Hawkins Hixson was finalized in 1994, court records show, and he married Dianne Bilger not long afterward. The couple, who have a son, filed for bankruptcy last year.

Prosecutors said they plan to file kidnapping charges against Hixson in the next few days.

Regional Briefs

Iraqis now on playing cards

NORWOOD, Ohio (AP) United States Playing Card Co., a major manufacturer of playing cards, is producing its own version of "Iraqi Most Wanted" playing cards.

The suburban Cincinnati company wasn't part of the original sets, made by the U.S. Department of Defense to help U.S. soldiers identify Iraqi government and military figures wanted for capture.

But those cards also featured a "joker" image taken from U.S. Playing Card Co.'s Hoyle brand, the company said.

Company officials say they have no problem with the Defense Department's production of the playing cards, but are concerned that private companies have begun making or selling similar decks.

The privately held company plans to produce at least 100,000 decks for the new line, which began production this week for sales over the Internet.

U.S. Playing Card has sent at least a dozen letters warning competitors that it owns the Hoyle joker and they shouldn't use its likeness, said George White, vice president of marketing. He did not identify those competitors.

"It's already been more popular than we expected," White said. "The Defense Department did what it wanted to do. It caught the public's imagination."

A message seeking comment was left Tuesday with Marine Lt. Col. Dave Lapan, a Pentagon spokesman.

New recyling programs

PITTSBURGH (AP) Pittsburgh and Virginia's Hampton Roads will take part in a pilot program to get more people to recycle plastic and aluminum drink containers outside their homes.

Hundreds of 4-foot tall bottle-shaped recycling bins will be placed in outdoor locations to encourage recycling among pedestrains, tourists and shoppers. The bins will begin appearing this weekend.

Pittsburgh and Hampton Roads were selected because officials in both areas are already strongly committed to recycling programs, said J. Preston Read, director of environmental affairs for the National Soft Drink Association, which is sponsoring the program.

Many people are good about recycling at home, but not necessarily when they are out in public, said Dave Mazza of the Pennsylvania Resources Council, which is working to coordinate the Pittsburgh program.

"A program like this becomes especially important given the proliferation of the 20-ounce plastic bottles that have become so popular," Mazza said.

Judge charged for extortion

PITTSBURGH (AP) A judge who pleaded guilty to extorting money from an attorney was seeking a mental evaluation in hopes of getting a lighter sentence, according to court documents.

Judge Joseph Jaffe, 53, who was suspended from the Allegheny County bench, has hired a clinical psychiatrist to determine his mental well being, documents show.

Jaffe pleaded guilty earlier this year to extorting money from attorney Joel Persky and acknowledged doing the same with a second lawyer to pay off personal debts.

A May 16 sentencing hearing was rescheduled for June 5 to allow more time.

Federal sentencing guidelines call for a sentence of between 24 and 30 months in prison.

Jaffe solicited $13,000 from Persky in return for granting Persky's firm, which had hundreds of asbestos lawsuits pending before the judge, "unfettered access" to him.

Persky contacted federal authorities and agreed to record subsequent meetings with Jaffe, authorities said.

Jaffe's $121,000 salary was nixed by the Court of Judicial Discipline and he could be disbarred by the state and removed from office when he is sentenced.

Local SARS scare

BEDFORD, Pa. (AP) A woman hospitalized with SARS-like symptoms had a bacterial infection and not the potentially fatal disease, said an official at a western Pennsylvania hospital where patients and visitors were asked to stay away for about four hours.

UPMC Bedford Memorial hospital asked people to stay away Monday evening after a woman came in with an infection that could not immediately be diagnosed, said Bill Obert, the hospital's vice president of administration.

But the emergency room remained open and no one was turned away, Obert said.

The woman came in as an outpatient showed signs of "an infectious condition" and subsequent tests were inconclusive, Obert said. She was isolated and the hospital staff took the same precautions that they would with any patient with an undetermined infection.

NATIONAL

Sen. Santorum under fire after anti-gay statements

WASHINGTON (AP) The Senate Democrats' political organization on Tuesday called for Republican Sen. Rick Santorum to resign his leadership position after the lawmaker compared homosexuality to bigamy, polygamy, incest and adultery.

One day after gay-rights groups urged GOP senators to consider removing Santorum from his leadership post, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee said the two-term Pennsylvania senator should step down as chairman of the Senate Republican Conference, the No. 3 job in the party leadership.

The DSCC called Santorum's remarks "divisive, hurtful and reckless" and said they "are completely out of bounds for someone who is supposed to be a leader in the United States Senate."

In an interview with The Associated Press, Santorum criticized homosexuality while discussing a pending Supreme Court case over a Texas sodomy law.

"If the Supreme Court says that you have the right to consensual (gay) sex within your home, then you have the right to bigamy, you have the right to polygamy, you have the right to incest, you have the right to adultery. You have the right to anything," Santorum said in the interview, published Monday.

Santorum spokeswoman Erica Clayton Wright said Monday that the lawmaker's comments were "were specific to the Supreme Court case." The senator's office had no immediate comment Tuesday to the DSCC's call for him to give up his leadership job.

The DSCC also urged Santorum's fellow Republican senator, Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, to repudiate the remarks. Specter, a moderate Republican, is up for re-election in 2004 and faces a primary challenge from conservative Republican Rep. Pat Toomey.

Questioned at the White House news briefing, press secretary Ari Fleischer had no comment on Santorum's remarks, saying he had not seen the "the entire context of the interview. And ... I haven't talked to the president about it so I really don't have anything to offer."

Separately, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry issued a statement criticizing Santorum's comments and assailing the White House for remaining silent "while their chief lieutenants make divisive and hurtful comments that have no place in our politics."

"Every day in our country, gay and lesbian Americans get up, go to work, pay their taxes, support their families and contribute to the nation they love. These comments take us backwards in America," said the Massachusetts senator.

Democratic hopeful Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut said Santorum "is wrong. The Texas law is unconstitutional and an insult to the better America we need to build for all our people."

Indian rituals a large factor in recent custody battle

WHITE CLOUD, Mich. (AP) A judge ruled Tuesday that a 4-year-old boy must be older before he can take peyote at American Indian spiritual ceremonies.

In his 31-page decision, Judge Graydon W. Dimkoff of Newaygo County Family Court wrote that "peyote is dangerous, and in general should be avoided."

He also ruled against the contention of the boy's father, Jonathan Fowler, who claimed that prohibiting his son from ingesting peyote infringes upon Fowler's religious freedom.

In dispute was a portion of Dimkoff's custody ruling in the couple's divorce case. After granting physical custody of the boy to his father, the judge ordered Fowler not to allow the child to receive peyote under any circumstances.

Fowler, 36, a Traverse City resident and member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, asked Dimkoff to reverse part of the earlier child-custody ruling and allow his son to ingest peyote with him at Fowler's church.

Kristin Hanslovsky, the boy's non-American Indian mother and Fowler's ex-wife, fought the request. The 31-year-old Whitehall woman feared that peyote could harm her son.

Dimkoff ruled that the child can attend his father's church, the Native American Church of the Morning Star. As long as the boy is a minor, however, he cannot ingest sacramental peyote during the church's all-night services until he is fully aware of the implications, is physically and emotionally ready and has permission from both parents.

"It's a good decision," said Hanslovsky's attorney, Martin Holmes, whose practice is in North Muskegon. "It's certainly based on the law and the facts. I commend the judge for a very thorough job. ... I don't think the judge really had any choice, given the nature of the facts."

Hanslovsky, a Roman Catholic, said she has no interest in stifling anyone's religious freedom and no problem with her son being taught traditional Indian ways.

"The biggest issue is, I want my son to be able to choose. He needs to make the choice, not me, not his father," she said. "He needs to be the one, when he is an adult - that is the appropriate age for him to make an informed decision."

Dimkoff wrote that he would prefer the boy to be at least 16 "before he partakes of peyote." But instead of setting an arbitrary age, the judge said the parents must jointly decide when he is ready, "with some consideration being given to the child's desire."

"It obviously was not a favorable ruling for our side," said Fowler's lawyer, Thomas Myers of Michigan Indian Legal Services Inc. in Lansing.

National Briefs

Woman guilty of murder

FRIENDSHIP, Wis. (AP) A 52-year-old woman has pleaded guilty to fatally shooting her boyfriend in the head and hiding his corpse on their property.

Laura Law was charged in April 2002 for shooting Michael J. Tlusty, 45 in March 2001, then hiding his body in rural Arkdale in a pole building until law enforcement discovered it Jan. 22.

Law will be sentenced July 2 on charges of first-degree reckless homicide with use of a dangerous weapon and hiding a corpse.

The court revoked her bond Tuesday, per the district attorney's request, and she'll remain in the Adams County jail.

The reckless homicide charge was amended from first-degree intentional homicide.

The defense originally entered a plea of not guilty by reason of mental disease and defect to the charge of hiding a corpse as part of a plea agreement. But that was withdrawn Tuesday at Law's request.

Law lived with Tlusty in the town of Strongs Prairie.

The maximum imprisonment sentence Law could receive is 70 years, with a maximum of 50 years' initial confinement.

In his closing comments, District Attorney Mark Thibodeau told the court he was accepting the plea agreement with the support of the victim's family.

Student dies while celebrating

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) A College of William & Mary student died Tuesday afternoon after jumping into a campus pond, a traditional way student tour guides celebrate their last tour.

The college identified the student as Alex Reyno, 21, of Springfield. He studied public policy and was a guide for the admissions office, a goalie on the rugby team and a member of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity.

He jumped into the pond, called the Crim Dell, during his last admissions tour and pulled another guide into the water with him. The jump fatally injured Reyno's spine, according to a statement by W. Samuel Sadler, vice president of student affairs.

The other guide was uninjured.

Brian Cannon, president of the Student Assembly, said apparently Reyno never came up after going into the water. About three students who saw the incident went in after him and pulled him out, while others watched in horror, Cannon said.

"We swam around for probably two or three minutes," said David Solimini, a junior who jumped in the pond with several other students. He described the water as approximately 10 to 12 feet deep and "exceptionally murky."

"I was only able to feel around," Solimini said, adding that he searched until a friend, David Gettings, yelled out that he had found Reyno.

Emergency crews arrived shortly afterward, Cannon said. Sadler said Reyno died about 45 minutes later.

Gates makes large donation

SEATTLE (AP) The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is spending $962,500 to help develop 35 units of transitional housing in Western Washington.

The grant was awarded to Intercommunity Mercy Housing, which to date has received more than $1.9 million from the Gates Foundation's Sound Families Initiative.

"This award will allow us to continue to address the critical need for affordable housing in Washington," said Walter Zisette, IMH vice president.

The units will be set aside over the next three to five years in Snohomish and Pierce counties and reserved for families fighting to escape or avoid homelessness.

Since its inception in July 2000, the $40 million Sound Families Initiative has paid for nearly 600 new transitional housing units throughout the Puget Sound region.

Study predicts next 'quake

BERKELEY, California (AP) A federal study slightly reduced the chance that the San Francisco Bay area will be hit by a major earthquake in the next 30 years, but still put the probability at better than 50 percent.

The study, commissioned by the U.S. Geological Survey and released Tuesday, set the probability of such a quake at 62 percent. The last time the survey was conducted, in 1999, the estimate was 70 percent. A major quake has a magnitude of 6.7 or greater.

David Schwartz, the study's co-author, noted that area residents face a greater chance of experiencing a significant quake than being affected by such well-publicized threats as anthrax.

"The things we face every day - when we turn on the TV, or read the newspaper - in many ways will never touch us," Schwartz, head of the USGS San Francisco Bay Area Earthquake Hazards project. "But living in this region, earthquakes will affect us. Earthquakes are going to happen."

The Bay Area's last major earthquake, with a magnitude of 6.9, occurred in 1989.

INTERNATIONAL

United States, China, and North Korea meet to resolve crisis

BEIJING (AP) A half-century after the United States forged an armistice with North Korea and China to halt the Korean War, the three governments were trying Wednesday to resolve a new regional crisis amid U.S. accusations that the North wants to build nuclear arms.

Talks scheduled for Wednesday to Friday are the first meeting among representatives of the three governments since the 1953 armistice in that war, in which China fought on North Korea's side.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly met with Chinese officials for a breakfast early Wednesday ahead of the three-way talks, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said on condition of anonymity, declining to give any details. Diplomats said the talks were to begin as scheduled, but gave no details.

The meeting comes amid tensions over the North's nuclear programs, which it says are meant to produce electricity, but which Washington says are aimed at creating nuclear weapons.

U.S. officials say they want a "verifiable, irreversible end to North Korea's nuclear program." Washington says the North revealed during Kelly's October visit to Pyongyang that it was trying to develop nuclear weapons in violation of a 1994 pledge. The North has disputed the U.S. claim.

Kelly met Tuesday with Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Wang Yi, the embassy said, adding that he was also scheduled to meet with Assistant Foreign Minister Zhou Wenzhong, the ministry's chief contact for U.S. affairs.

Diplomats said discussions were to take place at western Beijing's Diaoyutai State Guest House, a secluded complex of villas used to host foreign visitors.

Photographers saw the U.S. ambassador's car enter the gates of the complex early Wednesday morning, but there was no immediate word on whether Kelly had arrived.

North Korea is to be represented by Ri Gun, deputy director of American affairs for its Foreign Ministry. China's chief delegate is Fu Ying, director general of the Foreign Ministry's Asian Affairs Department. Japan and South Korea hope to join subsequent discussions and were sending diplomats to Beijing.

Tensions over the North Korea's nuclear program rose in October after U.S. officials said North Korea acknowledged it had embarked on a uranium-based nuclear weapons program.

Since then, Pyongyang became the first country to withdraw from the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and restarted a plutonium-producing reactor.

North Korea had been demanding one-on-one talks with the United States but agreed this month to a multilateral format - which Washington had wanted - though South Korea and some other nations were left out.

Officials from Seoul and Washington have said the swift U.S.-led victory in Iraq prompted North Korea to talk. China, the North's chief ally, has expressed repeated concerns about Pyongyang's nuclear program and is also believed to have played a key role in persuading the North to agree to the three-way talks.

British lawmaker accused of accepting Iraqi money

LONDON (AP) A British lawmaker who vehemently opposed the U.S.-led war on Iraq denied a newspaper's claim Tuesday that he received money from Saddam Hussein's regime through the oil-for-food program.

George Galloway, an outspoken member of the governing Labor Party, said The Daily Telegraph's report was part of a "smear campaign" against opponents of the war.

"I have never solicited nor received money from Iraq for our campaign against war and sanctions," Galloway said in a statement. He later said he had begun legal proceedings against the newspaper.

Labor Party chairman Ian McCartney said the party would investigate the "extremely serious" allegations.

The Daily Telegraph said its correspondent in Baghdad, David Blair, had seen a memo to Saddam from the Iraqi intelligence service saying Galloway had asked for a larger cut of Iraq's exports under the oil-for-food program.

The January 2000 memo said Galloway received between 10 and 15 cents from each of 3 million barrels of Iraqi oil a year, the newspaper said. Under U.N. sanctions imposed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait, Iraq was allowed to sell some oil to buy humanitarian supplies.

The newspaper reported the memo said Galloway had also entered into partnership with an Iraqi broker to sell oil on the international market.

The Daily Telegraph, which devoted five pages to the story, said the memo was signed by the Iraqi intelligence chief, although the signature was illegible.

The newspaper said its reporter found the document and other files in Baghdad's looted Foreign Ministry.

Galloway said the documents were forgeries or had been doctored and were part of a "smear campaign against those who stood against the illegal and bloody war on Iraq and against its occupation by foreign forces."

"I have never seen a barrel of oil, never owned one, never bought one, never sold one," Galloway's statement said.

Daily Telegraph editor Charles Moore told Channel 4 television news: "We are completely confident. This is very straightforward, enterprising journalism."

McCartney, the Labor Party chairman, said the party was investigating the report but gave no further comment.

Galloway leads an anti-sanctions charity, the Mariam Appeal, and has traveled to Baghdad several times to deliver aid. The Mariam Appeal was set up in 1998 to raise funds for medical treatment for an Iraqi girl suffering from leukemia.

Galloway said the appeal was funded largely by the governments of the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia and by Jordanian businessman Fawaz Zureikat.

Zureikat told The Associated Press in Amman, Jordan, he was a donor, coordinator and supporter of the Mariam Appeal, and the document in The Daily Telegraph report was "fabricated."

International Briefs

Students strike as a protest

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) The Nepalese capital was partially shut down Wednesday during a general strike called by a student union to protest the death of a student demonstrator shot by police.

Schools and private businesses were closed, while buses and taxis stayed off the roads. Many government employees walked to work.

The strike in Katmandu was called by the Nepal Student Union, student wing of the Nepali Congress (Democratic) Party, to protest death of a student who was killed April 8 when police opened fire on a violent protest rally against a hike in oil prices.

The rest of the country was not affected by the strike.

A similar strike called by eight student groups on Sunday over the student's death paralyzed life in this Himalayan kingdom.

SARS closes schools in China

BEIJING (AP) Public schools in Beijing are to close Thursday for two weeks, affecting some 1.7 million students, the city's education commission said amid mounting efforts to stem the spread of the deadly SARS virus.

Tests for primary, middle and high school students also have been postponed indefinitely, a spokeswoman for the Beijing Municipal Education Commission said Wednesday. She would give her name only as Miss Cui.

Cui wouldn't give a reason for the school closure, but Beijing newspapers cited what they said was a government notice saying it was meant to prevent the spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome.

The Chinese capital has reported 28 deaths from SARS.

Beijing schools had been scheduled to close May 1 for the May Day holiday, which usually lasts one week.

Humanitarian aid arrives

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) A caravan of humanitarian aid arrived in Baghdad on Tuesday after a two-day road journey from Saudi Arabia, guarded from potential looters along the way by Saudi troops.

The five-truck caravan carried food, medicine and other supplies - including equipment for a mobile field hospital, Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal said at a news conference.

A team of Saudi surgeons accompanied the convoy to work in the field hospital.

Earlier Tuesday, Saudi Arabia announced it would begin a telethon next week to raise money for the Iraqi people. The campaign would begin Saturday on state-run Saudi television, as part of the kingdom's "continued support for Muslims everywhere," the official Saudi Press Agency said.

Airline workers protest

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) Pilots, stewardesses and mechanics of Argentina's LAPA airlines blocked some runways for about 20 minutes at Buenos Aires' domestic airport on Tuesday to protest the carrier's financial troubles.

It wasn't clear whether the workers' protest delayed or diverted any flights. The workers were led away by police, and no charges have been filed against them.

Hundreds of LAPA passengers have been left stranded after the private airline suspended its flights last week, saying it did not have enough money to buy jet fuel.

The airline announced it was again canceling flights on Tuesday. The decision prompted dozens of employees to go running out to stand in the middle of runways at Jorge Newbery airport in Buenos Aires.

The workers said they were worried about losing their jobs.

Aviation authorities say LAPA's financial woes in part stem from a US$4.5 million debt the airline owes in airport taxes, maintenance costs and other fees to airport operators.

Pilots said they had appealed to government officials to step in to help keep the airlines afloat.

Industry Minister Anibal Fernandez said the airline would be prohibited from flying until new owners could be found.

Marathon reading of book

MADRID, Spain (AP) Politicians, school children and even sailors at sea lined up Tuesday to take part in a nonstop reading of Don Quixote - all 1,100 pages - in a two-day literary marathon.

The seventh annual reading sponsored by a cultural foundation began at noon in Madrid and, through telephone lines and videoconferences, was to leapfrog around Spain and the world, with stops in such unlikely spots as Hawaii and Vietnam.

Each of an estimated 3,000 orators reads one paragraph, or, in the case of lengthy ones, reads for a minute, from Miguel de Cervantes' tale of a windmill-tilting dreamer and his trusty sidekick Sancho Panza.

As is the custom, the first sentence goes to the previous year's winner of the Premio Cervantes, the Spanish-speaking world's most prestigious literary award.

This time it was up to Spanish novelist Jose Jimenez Lozano to intone the famed line, which has been translated as: "In a certain village in La Mancha, which I do not wish to name, there lived not long ago a gentleman - one of those who have always a lance in the rack, an ancient shield, a lean hack and a greyhound for coursing."

The scheduled readers included fishermen trawling off the coast of Galicia in northwest Spain.

SPORTS

Track teams gear up for championships

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

If you wake up early this Saturday morning, be sure to head over to Harold Burry Stadium and support the men and women's track teams. Westminster will be hosting the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championship, which will start at 10:30. Head coach Larry Ondako is currently in his fifth season as the head coach for both teams. Both the men and women have a number of outstanding performers. We'll start with the men. The Titans have been scoring a bulk of their points from the field events. Sophomore Phil Frye and Freshman Adam Hadbavny have been very consistent this year.

Both have placed in just about every meet this season. Hadbavny was even named the PAC Player of the Week for the week of April 8th. Junior Matt Steve is also having a very solid year. Steve is the top sprinter for the Titans this spring. Steve most recently placed 3rd in the 200-meter dash at last week's Grove City meet. A number of underclassmen have been producing for the men's team this year, so the future certainly looks bright.

As for the women, senior Katie Spehar leads the way. Spehar has finished 1st in the 800-meter dash 3 times this season and looks to continue her winning-ways at the PAC Championship this weekend. In last week's Grove City Meet, two other Lady Titans finished in 1st place in their respective events.

Junior Kacie Zbur and Sophomore Erica Tallo won in the High Jump and Javelin respectively. Freshman Carrie Fleckenstein finished right behind Zbur in the High Jump. Fleckenstein also finished 6th in both the Triple Jump and Pole Vault. The women's team is also getting a lot of production from many different people in numerous events.

This weekend's PAC Championship will be very exciting as all six of the PAC teams will be there competing. Good luck to all the participants and make sure you head out to the track on Saturday to support our Titans.

Titan sports preparing for PAC

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

As the regular season concludes, the Titan spring sports squads are preparing for participation in the President's Athletic Conference championship playoffs.

Both the men's baseball and women's softball teams have played their way into number two seeds. The men will travel to Waynesburg as the two seed for a tournament beginning Friday, April 25th. While the men travel to Waynesburg, the women's softball squad travels to Bethany as the number two seed, meaning that they'll receive a first round bye for the PAC playoffs.

"All season, we've played to position ourselves in a spot where we could win some tournament games," sophomore pitcher Mike Mackin said. "We'd have loved to host the tournament, but we have to go to Waynesburg."

Lauren Boris, sophomore centerfielder for the Lady Titans softball squad shared Mackin's point of view: "We would've liked to host the PAC tournament, but we're not. That's why you play the games though, we just have to go down there and play our game. The first round bye will be very good for us, too. We could use the rest."

The men's golf team will be joining the men's baseball team and the women's softball squad in long distance travel this weekend. The men's golf team will travel to Oglebay Golf Course in Wheeling, W.V, where they'll compete in a 36 hole affair for the PAC crown.

"We're excited about what we can achieve individually and collectively when we travel to Wheeling," freshman John Matune, PAC Golfer of the Week for the week ending April 13, said.

While the men's baseball team, women's softball team, and men's golf squad travel to compete in their respective PAC tournaments, the track and field squads will be hosting this season's PAC championships at Harold Burry Stadium at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 26th.

"We've had some tune-up meets that we feel have prepared us for the PAC tournament," freshman field ace Adam Hadbavny said. "We're excited about what we can do at our own place."

Throughout the regular season, each Titan spring sports squad has positioned itself in a position to make a run at a PAC title. Over the weekend of April 24 and 25, they'll get the opportunity to prove their worth.

—WC Sports Briefs

Westminster Spring Sports

A total of seven Westminster College spring varsity athletic teams will compete this week at the 2003 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championships for their respective sports.

The Titan baseball team (22-9, 10-5 PAC) will be the #2 seed at the four-team, double-elimination PAC Baseball Championship Tournament, hosted by top-seeded Waynesburg College in Waynesburg, Pa., on Thursday-Saturday, April 24-26. Westminster, led by fourth-year head coach Sean Kelly, will face #3 seed Thiel in an opening round game Thursday at 3 p.m., following the other first-round game between Waynesburg and #4 seed Bethany at noon. The championship game is scheduled for Saturday at noon.

The Lady Titan softball team (12-17-1, 5-5 PAC) is also the #2 seed for the six-team, double-elimination PAC Softball Championship Tournament, hosted by top-seeded Bethany College in Bethany, W.Va., this Friday-Saturday, April 25-26. Westminster, led by seventh-year head coach Jan Reddinger, received a first-round tournament bye and will face the winner of an opening round game between #3 Grove City and #6 Thiel on Friday at 10 a.m. The championship game is slated for Saturday at 3 p.m.

The Westminster men's and women's golf teams will compete at the 2003 PAC Men's & Women's Golf Championships on Thursday-Friday, April 24-25, in Wheeling, W.Va. The men's tournament will take place over 36 holes at Oglebay Golf Course, while the women's championships will be decided over 27 holes (18 on Thursday, nine on Friday) at Crispin Golf Course. Both teams enter the championships on a winning note, as the Titan men of third-year head coach Gene Nicholson won the Grove City Invitational on Monday, while the Lady Titan linksters of second-year head coach Debi Behr have won four straight invitational titles.

Third-year head coach Scott Renninger will lead the Titan men's tennis team (9-9, 3-2 PAC) into the PAC Men's Tennis Championships, scheduled for this Friday-Saturday, April 25-26, at the Pennbriar Fitness & Racquet Club in Erie, Pa. Westminster placed third out of six teams in the conference regular season standings.

Finally, the Titan and Lady Titan track & field teams will host the PAC Track & Field Championships at Harold Burry Stadium this Saturday, April 26, at 10:30 p.m. Fifth-year head coach Larry Ondako leads both the men's and women's track programs at Westminster.

PAC Softball Schedule

ALL REMAINING GAMES AT BETHANY

Friday, April 25
Game C - Thiel vs. #2 Westminster - 10 a.m.
Game D - W&J/WAY winner vs. #1 Bethany - noon
Game E - Loser Game B vs. Loser Game C - 2 p.m.
Game F - Loser Game D vs. Grove City - 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 26
Game G - Winner Game E vs. Winner Game F - 9 a.m.
Game H - Winner Game D vs. Winner Game C - 11 a.m.
Game I - Winner Game G vs. Loser Game H - 1 p.m.
Game J - Championship Game - 3 p.m.
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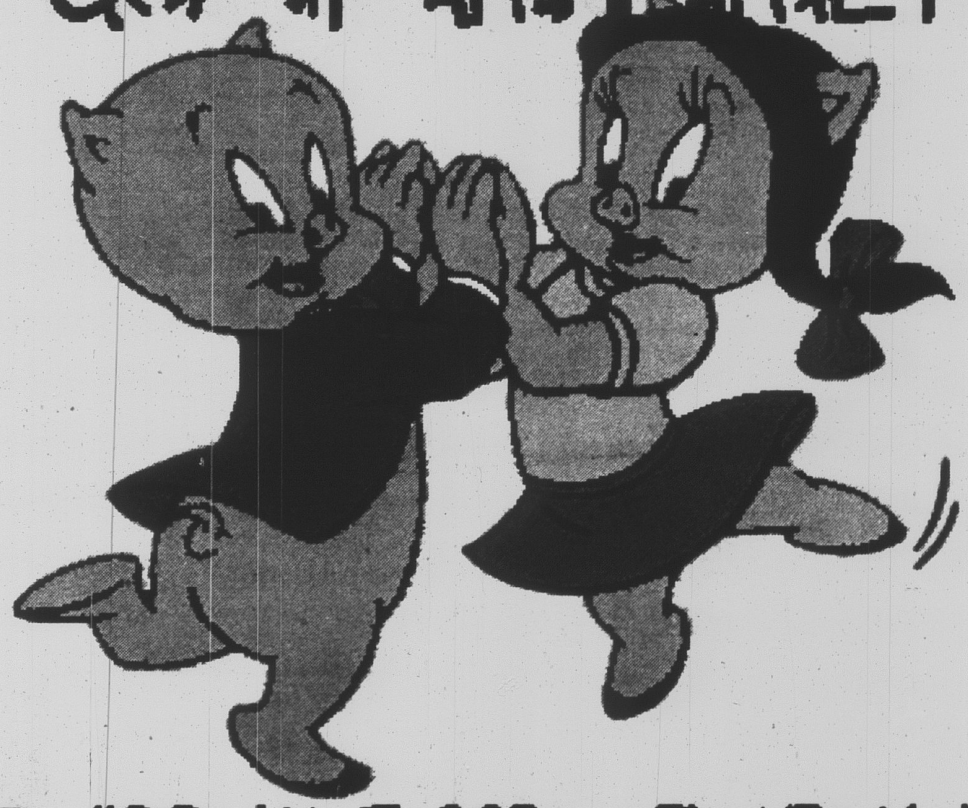

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

The Easter Bunny kidnapped my roommate!

A pizza gets to my dorm faster than security.

Imagine what an Egyptian rat looks like...

Cowboy Jesus is my favorite card game!

It was like seven light years away.

Yay for Bingo!

So, what's the deal with freshmen getting rooms that weren't open to upperclassmen??? Bah!

It'sso hot even the squirrels are wearing shorts!

My computer isn't handicapped... It's terminally ill!

Atari rocks my world!

The Revolution will not go better with Coke.

Dirty Things!

Miss Titan is me!

AAAH! Lunch time!

How many people love Easter break?
Scans area for raised hands

System requirements?
I am system requirements!

Disco and Sloths...need I say more...

Am I the only one that hates the song "Picture"? Please make it stop!

Can you hear me now?
Good.

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: Attacked from Within

Senator Rick Santorum's political career is hanging by a thread after his interview with the Associated Press this past week. LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender) groups along with many other organizations across the nation are coming down hard on Santorum for the opinions he expressed in the interview. One particularly inflammatory statement equated homosexuality with bestiality and pedophilia.

Santorum's remarks were biased and uneducated. He claimed that society was based around the principle of survival through breeding. He said that "Society is based on one thing: that society is based on the future of society. And that's what? Children." That is fine, but then he goes on to equate this with a monogamous relationship.

Put aside the fact that it is perfectly possible for anyone, of any sexual orientation, to have a monogamous relationship, and think about the biology of what he is saying. If society is based around having children, then should not the men be impregnating as many women as possible?

Later in the interview, Santorum tried to backtrack by saying that he had no problem with homosexuals, it was homosexual acts he did not agree with. He basically said that it was alright to be gay as long as you are not gay. Santorum wanted to separate the person from the action. But that is not possible.

Look at how people know each other. It is not through a person's thoughts or feelings that we know them, but by their actions. You are, at least in the minds of others, the sum of your choices and actions. What you do cannot be separated from who you are and no one can ask you to repress any aspect of your personality.

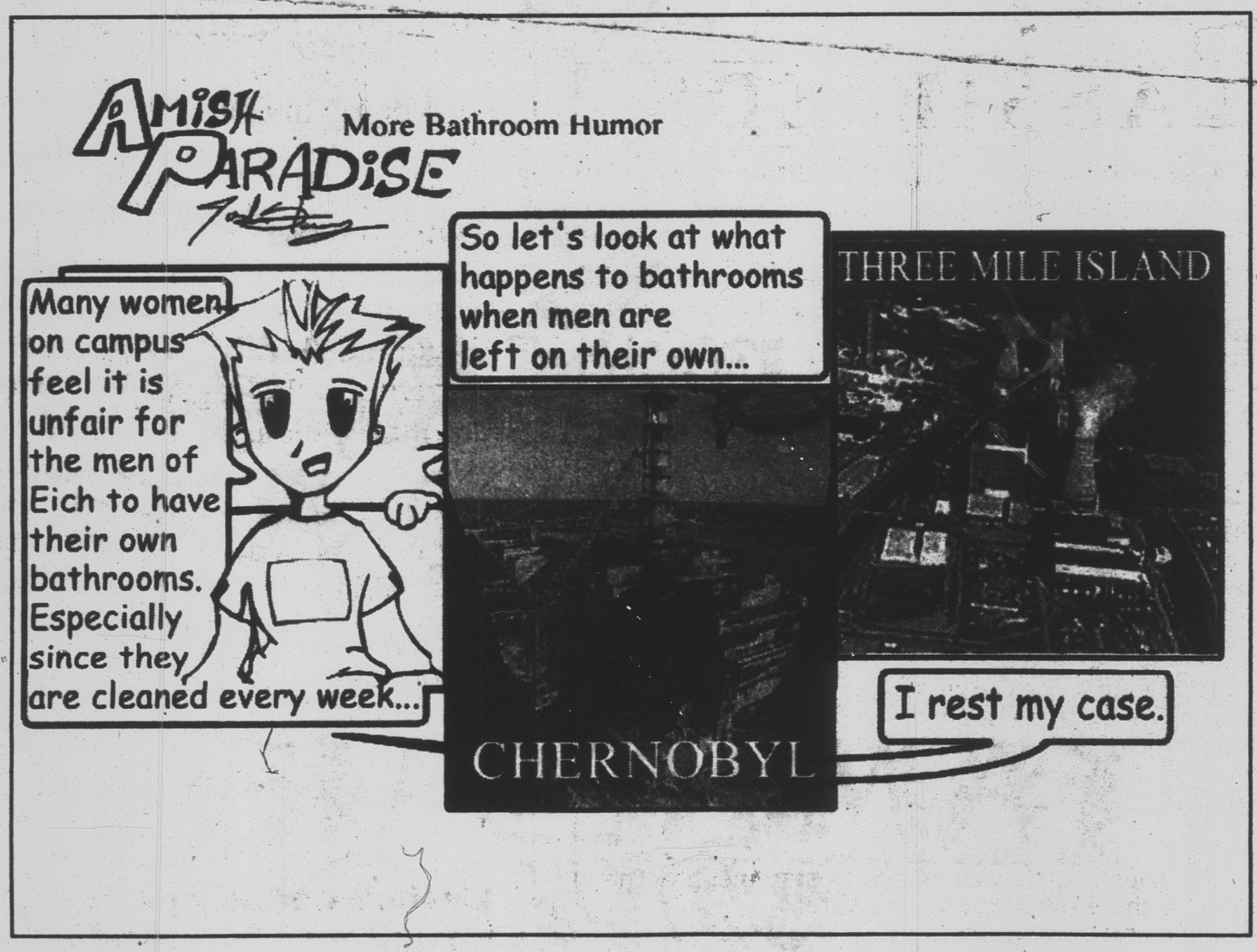
According to Santorum, it is the government's responsibility to regulate the moral choices of its people.

But some argue that this leads to "deviant behavior." Acting on your passions can lead to rape and murder and other perversions. So in order to stop "deviant behavior" the government has to limit passions and desires.

According to Santorum, it is the government's responsibility to regulate the moral choices of its people. In order to do this, it must eliminate privacy. "This right to privacy does not exist in my opinion," Santorum said. He also stated that he believed the state did have the right "to limit individuals' wants and passions." When desires drive you to harm, then and only then should they be limited.

Santorum's statements go beyond gay rights. Santorum, who has an honorary degree from Westminster, attacked everyone's rights. Santorum says that people have no right to privacy. That is wrong. The government is the one without any rights.

The government does not have the right to invade privacy, be that through sodomy laws or Homeland security. What is done by consensual adults, as long as it harms none, is none of the government's business.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On behalf of many concerned citizens who would like to keep New Wilmington "dry," I commend Mayor Wendell Wagner for opposing a Westminster College student-led effort to open our town to the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Most students are below the legal drinking age of 21. But those 18 and older are eligible to vote. Younger students, is it reasonable for you to be involved in this crusade? And legal-age students, is it fair for you to try to override the will of the borough's tax-paying citizens for the sake of a year or two of self-indulgence?

It is no secret that most traffic and behavior problems of the borough are alcohol-related. Many social drinkers as well as abstainers believe that easy access to beer and liquor would greatly exacerbate these problems.

Students, we warmly welcome you to our community for the duration of your college career. But is it too much to ask that you respect our right to decide for ourselves the values, lifestyle, and social environment we consider best for our town and especially for our children?

With best wishes,
Joseph M. Hopkins

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the new furniture in the library. I would like to take a moment to thank SGA's finance committee for the wonderful new addition to the study area. Being a part of the finance committee last semester, I know that everyone worked hard to improve the looks and comfort of the library and it has worked! I've spent an extra amount of time there these last few weeks due to capstone projects and whatnot and being able to do my work comfortably has helped a great deal. I feel that SGA used their money for a perfect campus improvement and I hope that the rest of campus agrees with me when I say thank you to Drew Huston, Courtney Hoover, and the rest of the finance committee for all of their hard work and dedication to SGA and to Westminster in general.

Leah Bell

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Dear Editor,

I would like to commend Drew Houston on his article; I felt his honesty revealed courage, and his views reflected insight. Houston is dead on in his conclusions about an individual's response to failure, as well as one's motives for quitting. After a presumed defeat, one tends to question his abilities, focusing only on his shortcomings. Unfortunately, this perpetuates feelings of inadequacy, which could turn to resentment, anger, and depression. Accepting success is easy; admitting defeat is painful, especially to one who sees himself as driven or proud.

Houston labeled his pride as an "obstacle." Pride acts as an obstacle to others, and, more importantly, to ourselves, because we allow our pride to color our perceptions and rule our decisions. There is nothing wrong with being proud, and there is also nothing wrong with feeling resentment and pain over a seemed failure. But the operative word is "seemed." Our perception of and reaction to a particular outcome is what ultimately determines its power over us. Houston examined his motives concerning SGA, and acted on his values, and this says a lot about his character. We should examine our motives behind quitting before we do; we not only would save ourselves a lot of time, energy and emotion, but we would also come to a better understanding of our own characters.

The problem many people face today is that they base their self-worth on the number of successes they have achieved or feel they still need to achieve. I'm sure we are all familiar with the favorite Hollywood clichés that come from the unsympathetic coach or overbearing parent proclaiming that, "failure is not an option," or "second place is no place." I probably misquoted the lines, but you get the basic idea. This idea is ridiculous; nobody is perfect, failure is a part of life. Sadly, though, some people think this way, and live accordingly.

An individual should take pride in his accomplishments and continually strive for improvement; however, one must constantly evaluate the motives behind his actions. One should not be obsessed with success or devastated by defeat.

In dealing with defeat, many fail to recognize the positive. Sometimes, it is only in one's weakest, most vulnerable moments that he is faced with his true self. And it is in these moments that we learn and grow.

Thank you, Drew, for being honest with us, and for remaining true to yourself.

Rachel Lange

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Jimm at the Movies

Ghosts of the Abyss and Anger Management

by Jimm Needle
Movie Reviewer

Ghosts of the Abyss

From the director of "Titanic," the most successful film ever, comes the 3D documentary, "Ghost of the Abyss." This film is James Cameron's answer to the critics of "Titanic." Through "Ghost of the Abyss," James Cameron tries to tell the story of the Titanic based completely on facts instead of fiction. "Ghost of the Abyss" goes inside the Titanic to uncover any missing pieces of the ship's tragic story. Using state-of-the-art digital video equipment and mini radio controlled submarines, James Cameron was able to explore the wreckage with more detail then anyone has before. He also added an element of 3D to make the documentary a completely unique experience.

I have always been interested in the story of the Titanic, and I have always been a fan of James Cameron's films. Based on those two facts, the chances were pretty good that I was going to like this film. I was not disappointed. Although this was not a hardcore factual documentary, it was also not Hollywood-ized. Cameron tried to find the area in between fact and fiction in order to make the film pleasing to a wide variety of viewers. It was fun to see a film in 3D, but it wasn't entirely necessary. Cameron has said that he plans on his next feature length to be viewed in 3D as well, so that leads me to believe that the use of 3D in "Ghost of the Abyss" was just a test run for future projects. If you are interested in another history lesson about one of the worst tragedy's of the twentieth century, go see "Ghost of the Abyss."

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Anger Management

Adam Sandler and Jack Nicholson team up to bring you "Anger Management," a story about Sandler's character seemingly stepping into all the wrong holes, but eventually making his way out of them. It is supposed to be funny and keep the audience laughing historically, but aren't all comedies? This film definitely has an audience; that audience is not I.

Sure, any film with Adam Sandler and Jack Nicholson is going to have its funny moments, but what they don't tell you is that it also has its really not-so-funny moments. This film made over forty million dollars over the past weekend, so obviously, I don't really know what I am talking about. Or, maybe the general public likes bad films.

Either way, Sandler doesn't pull off anything grand with this one. I still recommend Sandler in "Punch Drunk Love," because he actually challenged himself with an almost serious roll. In short, "Anger Management" just made me angry that such stupid films are produced.

Summer break means summer concerts

by Jillian Jordan
A&E Editor

Summer is just around the corner and one kind of event that we always look forward during these sweltering months are concerts. Whichever music genre we crave, we each find our favorite performers hitting the stage as soon as the weather heats up, the clothes dwindle down, and the radios crank up. What could be more fun than heading out to Pittsburgh or Cleveland with a group of friends on a mission to experience your favorite music stars live?

This summer isn't unlike any other. By checking out TicketMaster's website, I found a variety of performers are to be making their way to Pittsburgh during the next couple months. Take one look at her and you'll see that she's for real. Avril Lavigne played at the Peterson Events Center in Pittsburgh on April 16th, but will surely have numerous other concert dates ahead that shouldn't be missed out on.

This teenage rocker has captured the interest of millions of pop/rock fans across the country in a short amount of time. She definitely makes becoming famous seem not so "complicated".

Hey, all you country fans on campus: Kenny Chesney, Keith Urban, and Deana Carter will be performing at Pittsburgh's Post Gazette Pavilion this May 11th. If you're done with finals by Saturday, head home early and catch this sizzling trio. Although the Dixie Chicks may be currently opposed by many due to their strong political views, their musical talents will most likely overcome, filling Mellon Arena on June 14th at 8:00 p.m., regardless of their past comments.

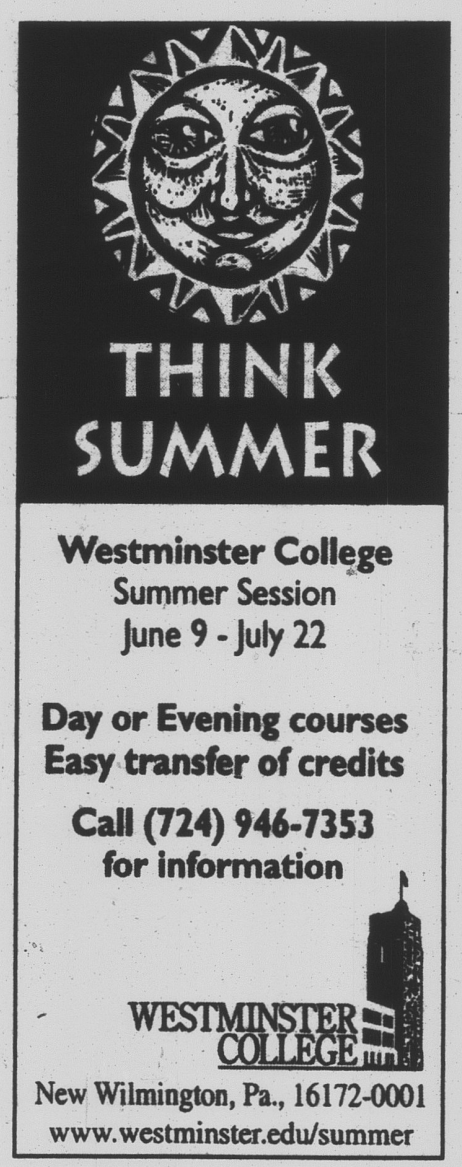
Dave Matthews Band, a favorite band of many, is heading out to Post Gazette Pavilion on June 27th. Their music, both old and new, will pull in quite a large amount of people, so grab your tickets today.

The Clarks, a band that once played at Westminster, will be taking over Chevrolet Ampitheatre in Station Square on June 28th. Checking them out would be a great way to rock out the end of June. They've really grown in their career previous performances at our small town college. Bet they appreciated our financial support more back then! Who needs Westminster now, right?

Alright, now for all you rap fans. Newfound lyrical master, 50 Cent performed at the WVU Coliseum last Tuesday. You could probably find most of WVU's campus in da concert that night. Don't worry though, Westminster, 50 will be back to Pittsburgh on the 28th of April at Mellon Arena. Don't miss your chance at seeing this up and coming rap star.

Mellon Arena certainly seems to be the hot spot for the singers this summer. The most talked about concert of the season, The Justified and Strip Tour will hit Pittsburgh on July 28th. Christina Aguilera and Justin Timberlake, two former Mouseketeers will "rock their bodies" enough to make the arena a bit "dirty." Listen to your favorite radio stations to try and win a pair of tickets to this one of a kind summer concert spectacular.

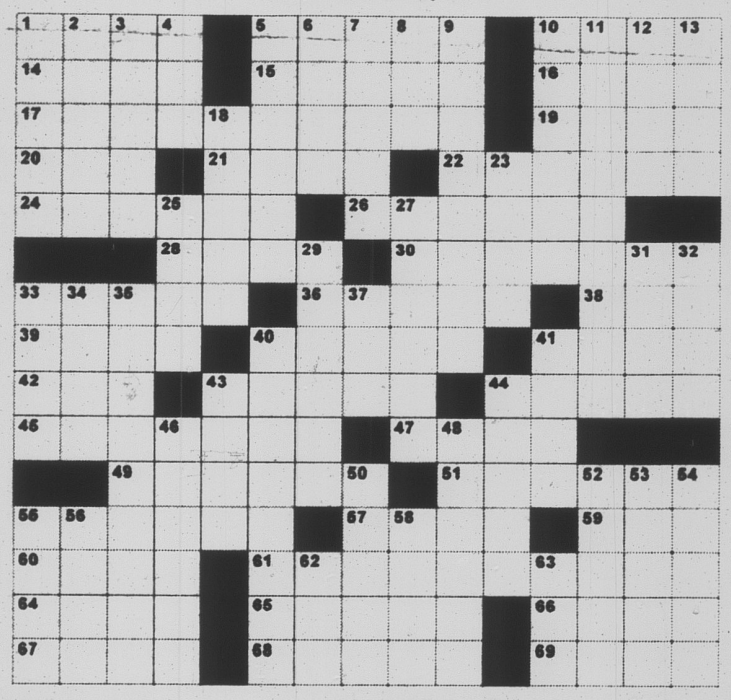
Find out ticket price information and tons more accurate concert information at TicketMaster.com. For now, keep those radios tuned in to Titan Radio, 88.9!



Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

Roadrunners



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5 Brace
10 Shredded cabbage
14 Lyric poems
15 Rub out
16 NYC sight
17 Beetle nostalgia
19 Handy bills
20 Recede
21 Canaveral for one
22 Lag behind
24 Mariner
26 Mender
28 Thingamajig
30 Type of strike
33 Milwaukee players
36 Gangway
38 Compete
39 Suffer
40 People who oppose
41 Dr. Casey & others
42 Barley use
43 Final bios
44 Pierre's attire
45 Grassland
47 Man, for one
49 Art style
51 Gun enclosure
55 O.T. hero
57 Underprivileged
59 JFK inits.
60 Come to rest
61 Lancer, for one
64 Region
65 Leaning
66 Touch
67 Acquires
68 Crazyweeds
69 Nightbirds

Down

1 Changes residences
2 ____ Reader
3 ____ toast
4 Call for
5 Waste matter
6 Mouse's concern
7 Stormed
8 Manipulate
9 Grape plant parts
10 Packed tightly
11 Safari transport, perhaps
12 Figure skating jump
13 Sensible
18 Glasgow residents
23 Feed the kitty
25 Levee
27 Francis' home town
29 Weirdo
31 Burgundy, e.g.
32 Egg holder
33 Barnyard sounds
34 John Wooden's employer
35 Suburban, e.g.
37 NYSE inits
40 Atypical
41 Sam Adams, e.g.
43 Fairy tale starter
44 Advertisement
46 Important trunks
48 Pub offerings
50 Important nerve
52 Stitch again
53 Ms. Merman
54 Formal menswear
55 '30's dance
56 Feel concerned
58 Norway VIP hangout
62 Cochran and Clark referee
63 Alien space ship

Quotable Quote

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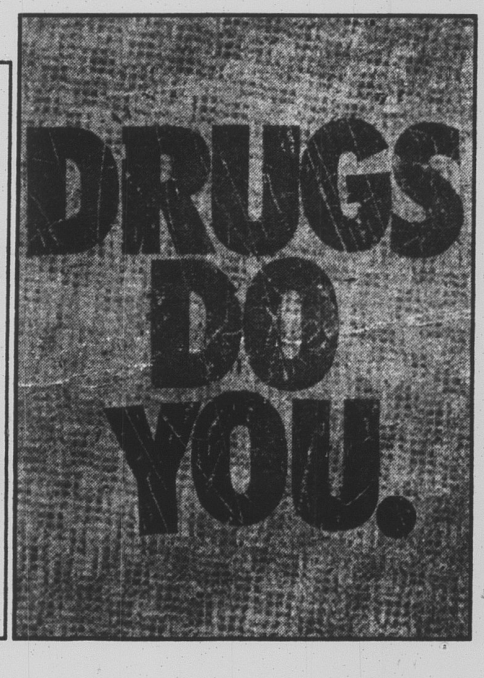


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Stick with those who have loved and supported you through thick and thin. There is someone in the immediate vicinity who is jealous of your friends and family, and will try to drive a wedge in between you and those you love. You need to make a choice.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
A slow start this week will make it a week of catching up. Your heart is probably not in your work and it will show. There seems to be some contradictions about committment to a romantic relationship. There are important factors to be weighed before making decisions.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
There is a sense that you are walking on quicksand during the week, and there is little you can do about it. Make any necessary sacrifices of time and energy to correct this uncertain situation. You and your significant other make a connect and become even closer.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Don't be caught up in your own ideas and point of view that you cease to hear what those around you are saying. Let go of the need to always be right. You may be frustrated at what seems to be your lack of progress, but take the time to realize just how far you've come.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
You will get ahead by working hard during the week. Nothing less than your reputation is at stake, but not to worry, because your work is above reproach. Shortly you will be riding high on the waves of success, enjoy it for you deserve every bit given to you.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
A financial windfall is quite possible this week. Prosperity is definitely a main issue for the next couple of months, so instead of whining, it's time to take action. A surge of inspiration will enable you to do whatever needs doing, and be innovative with solutions.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Use whatever clout you have to get some creative changes off the ground. Friends can really come in handy during times like this. Someone may want to flirt and tell you pretty lies, but don't be taken in, just enjoy the entertainment. Pay attention to your spiritual side.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Keeping your nose to the grindstone is quite commendable this week, to a point. Your superiors may be more impressed is your approach is more balanced. Learn to delegate if management is one of your goals. Both courage and integrity will do well for you.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Your hard work may have just finally brought about completion and success. Enjoy the admiration of those around you, you definitely deserve it. Spend wisely on any spree you find yourself on. Don't keep your stress to yourself, such pent up emotions will make you ill.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
A little self contemplation will get your week off and running on a positive note. You may be pleased with your work up until now, but want to improve in various areas. Allow a troublesome problem which has been hanging over your head for some time, take care of itself.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
There is a fine line between having a good time and overdoing it, and your body is likely to be the best judge of that this week, just make sure to listen. If your current relationship is a bit unbalanced, playing the roles too faithfully may cause resentment.

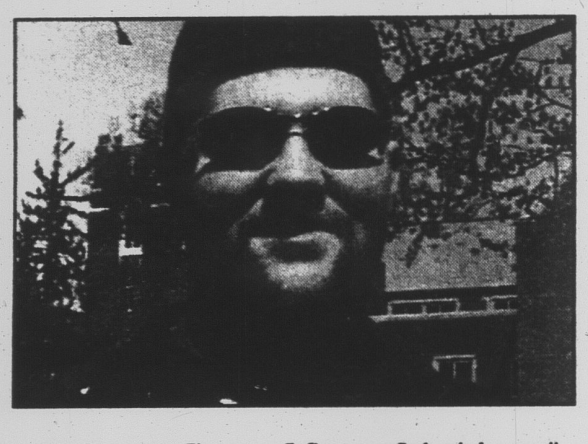
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Money matters may not be as fruitful as you had expected this week, after all the effort you put into these financial gains, try not to let it get to you. Maybe its time to make changes instead of being weighed down with so much responsibility. Think things out carefully.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The thought of being free has always been important to you, and you may invariably dream of escaping to another location. You can also travel in your mind by reading books or renting videos. Unusual people you meet now may turn out to be inspiring.

FEATURE

Question of the Week: 1 through 10

Pick a number between one and ten and explain why



"5. Because I've got 5 fingers. I don't know."
- Jason Cooper, junior

"7. 'Cause it rhymes with eleven."
- Sarah Proper, senior

"6. It's my lucky number. I always get Yahtzee on it."
- Terra Dobbins, junior

"7. Because it's my lucky number. I think it's everyone's lucky number." - **Lorrie Straka, sophomore**

"4. My favorite number." - **Heather Jones, junior**

"7. Because 17 is my favorite number, and 17 wasn't a choice." - **Darcy Sutton, senior**

"10. Just 'cause it's the biggest." - **Brenton Gilmore, freshman**

"11. Because it's a good number. Makes me happy." - **Ian Willard, senior**

"7. Seven days in the week." - **Bill Clafshenkel, sophomore**

"8. Because it's a number between 1 and 10." - **Jerry Bonenberger, sophomore**

Confessions of a packrat

by Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

"So toss away stuff you don't need in the end. But keep what's important and know who's your friend" – Phish

Ever since about the sixth grade when boyfriends attempted love letters and girls passed gossip, it was somehow in my best interest to squirrel away the fragile fabrics of life that I, at the time, thought would have importance for the rest of my existence.

In one of my many assemble-your-self-boxes, one would find a plastic spoon with a 10-year-old wad of Wrigley's spearmint, an empty pack of Canadian Marlboro's, inside suspension slips, a ring made from a bread tie…you understand my point. Do you think I remember whose gum became my buried treasure or who faked an 8th grade engagement? And these are only the tiny trinkets!

Why do we do this to ourselves? Why do we find it so excruciatingly significant to horde away and buy and carry on buying so much stuff? What do we need it for? Could we ever even begin to use all the stuff that we accumulate?

Do we blame our want and need for possessions on society or is it within our own mind state? It is a rational question. I know that some people believe that the more possessions you own somehow makes you teachers pet, a cut out of the old apple. Living like a rock star doesn't make you a rock star, it just makes you spend money a lot faster.

I can also argue for the people that do not believe they need anything. They, in fact, "toss away stuff they don't need in the end," live in one outfit until other clothes are passed down, wear one pair of shoes until the soles bleed and you know what, they survive. They don't worry about whether or not they have a clean outfit for the next day because somehow it all works out. Did you know people like that exist?

What I don't understand about myself is why I have so many clothes and shoes. I don't even want to be a part of the old apple, I really don't. I could probably provide enough clothing for five villages in a third world country and still have leftovers. I have a problem with attachment; once I fall in love with a certain shade of green I never want to part with it. And yet, I still continue to buy more jeans and sweaters and t-shirts as if they were a rare form of sea monkeys worth millions of dollars.

Shoes…I only have two feet, obviously, but somehow I have become entranced by a funhouse mirror that gave me sextrintoptilon feet. Like I need 43 pairs of different shoes…the soles never even get to wear down. What a waste.

What do people of other worlds think of our greed? Can it be considered greed, or are we just spending our hard earned money on the possessions we desire? People in third world countries don't have the luxury of filling an attic. They are lucky if they have a shack.

There probably isn't a person alive in America that hasn't been to Wal-Mart, the super center that controls our lives. There is quite an abundant supply of stuff there, you know? The store is like a mousetrap…you go in for that one piece of cheese and come out with a flattened wallet. The "roll-back" price system makes you think you are getting a chance of a lifetime deal on a bulk supply of Sponge Bob Square Pants underwear, so you buy them thinking that someday they will come in handy. You saved $1.03 so it doesn't matter, right?

What would the world be like if we only had what we needed?

My advice, turn your journal into a hodgepodge of important stuff like the gum-wad spoons and bread-band rings from your past. Get over the fact that your jeans from pre-college will never fit you and pass them on. Wear your shoes until the soles bleed.

Stuff can't really be that important. Can it?

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 25
11:40 a.m. Chapel
Greek Week
Baseball @ PAC Tournament
Softball @ PAC Tournament (Bethany, WV)
M & W Golf @ PAC Championships in Wheeling, WV
M Tennis at PAC Championships in Erie, PA
5:00 p.m. Feast 'n' Fire - Anderson Amphitheater and Lake Brittain
7:00 p.m. Praise Jam - Chapel

SATURDAY 26
CAMPUS VISITATION DAY
Baseball @ PAC Tournament
Softball @ PAC Tournament in Bethany, WV
M Tennis @ PAC Championships in Erie, PA
10:00 a.m. Westminster Hosts M & W Track & Field PAC Championships
11:00 a.m. Spring Honors Convocation - Orr Auditorium
2:30 p.m. PRSSA Meeting - Chapel
6:00 p.m. Mass
8:00 p.m. Sing 'n' Swing - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Movie: The Recruit - Down Under

SUNDAY 27
11:00 a.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Mother/Daughter Picnic - Quad
1:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Canoe-a-Thon - Brittain Lake and Anderson Amphitheater
3:00 p.m. Percussion Ensemble Concert - Chapel
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Senior Vespers
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie: The Recruit - Down Under

MONDAY 28
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:15 p.m. Panhel Greek Organizations' Meetings
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Late Night - Down Under

TUESDAY 29
11:15 a.m. Student Life and Athletic Council Meeting - OM 307
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
7:30 p.m. Horn Ensemble - Orr Auditorium
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Late Night - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 30
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Alan Gittis, "The Science of the Art of Memento" - PH 311
Noon Praise Jam - Chapel
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
7:00 p.m. SWAT Banquet - Russell Hall Dining Room
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: The Importance of Being Earnest - Beeghly Theater
8:00 p.m. Outdoor and Conservation Club Meeting - HSC 369
9:30 p.m. Seekers Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 1
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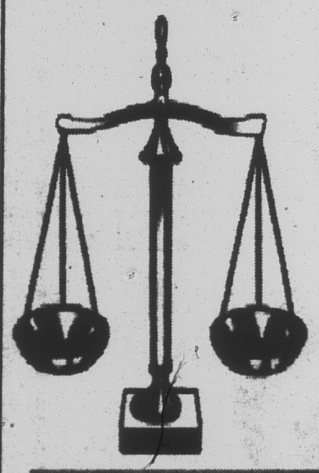
9:30 a.m. National Day of Prayer Service (with New Wilmington Community) - Chapel
Green Party Global Awareness Event - Quad
4:00 p.m. Chronicles of Narnia Study - Ferguson Lobby
7:00 p.m. Young Republicans - PH 131
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: The Importance of Being Earnest - Beeghly Theater
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir - Chapel
7:30 p.m. Robert M. Woods Lecture: Speaker Dr. Lawrence Krauss, professor at Case Western Reserve, "Einstein's Biggest Blunder: A Cosmic Mystery Story" - Phillips Lecture Hall
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Late Night - Down Under



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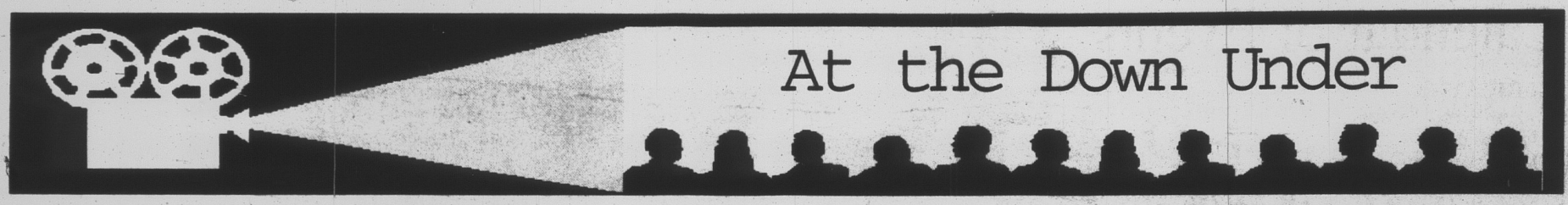

Friday

Closed for Feast N Fire
Food, Good Times and Live Bands
5:00 to 10:00
Anderson Amphitheater

Dinner Starts at 5
Games begin at 6:30
Bonfire at 7:30
Bands at 8:00

Saturday

Movie: *The Recruit*
8:00 pm

Sunday

Movie: *The Recruit*
9:00 pm

Free Popcorn and Pop

Weekly Events:

Late Night

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays
10:00 pm - 1:00 am

Coming Soon...

Spring Gala	May 2
Chestnut Street Cafe	
Buses leave Old 77 at 9:00 pm	
$5 with WC ID; $7 otherwise	
JT's Cafe	May 2, 10:00 pm to 2:00 am
VolleyRock	May 3, All Day

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Campus housing issue problematic for some students

by Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

It wasn't until April 15, a week after housing selections, that Lindsey Robertson discovered one of the rooms she'd opted for and failed to receive was later given to a freshman. Robertson was initially very angry with Student Affairs, and only later discovered that the root of the problem had to do with students who chose to both reserve their old room and select a new one.

Molly Burnett of Student Affairs is the person largely in charge of the housing selection at Westminster, and also personally addresses the squatting forms that many students choose to fill out.

The problem with rooms being initially locked out for upperclassmen, Burnett explained, is actually a result of the squatting forms. Many students decide to fill out an application to remain in the room they're already staying in. Some upperclassmen squat their rooms as a failsafe, and then later select a room at the drawing. Then, since they've drawn a new room, the double that they'd blocked off by reservation with their squatting form opens up a week later in time for first-year room drawing. This creates a glitch in the system where first-year students have options that were not open to upperclassmen.

This glitch is possible because the room selection process is a multi-phase system at Westminster. It is sequenced so that single rooms are drawn first, and then doubles may be squatted. Later, the remaining doubles are chosen, with an emphasis placed on seniority. Burnett says, "There are some built-in benefits to those who want to live in the same place and those who have been here a while."

Student Affairs keeps room selection purposefully spread out. This year, they held single room drawings on February 11th, collecting squatting applications by

Students censure Santorum

photo by Aly Karg

Green Party representative Ken Jae asked that Wesminster take notice of Santorum's comments during the press conference held on Wednesdy.

by Melissa Logan
Staff Writer

On April 7, Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa) made a number of comments that ignited a string of negative publicity surrounding his remarks on privacy laws and a Texas sodomy case. During the Associated Press interview, some believe Sen. Santorum equated homosexual acts with those of bigamy, polygamy, and incest.

In this interview, Sen. Santorum said, "If the Supreme Court says that you have the right to consensual sex within your home, then you have the right to bigamy, you have the right to polygamy, you have the right to incest, you have the right to adultery. You have the right to anything."

Offended and outraged by these comments, members of Westminster

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Greeks participate in week of activities

by Ashley Roberts
Staff Writer

Greek Week is an exciting time of year for the sororities and fraternities.

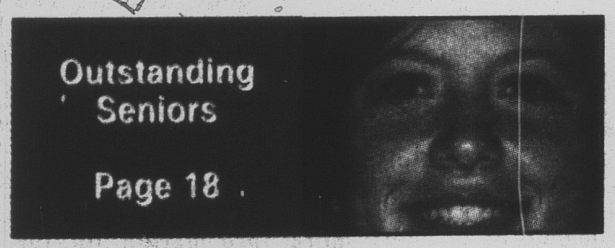
The Greek organizations get to take part in competitive activities for a week, ending with the ever-popular Sing 'n' Swing.

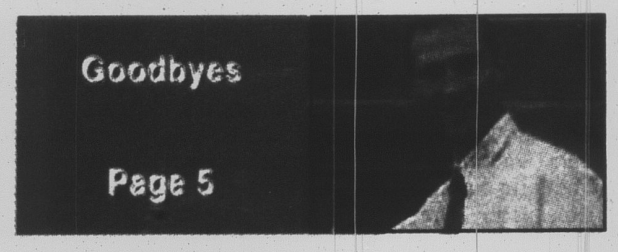
Greek Week Senior Chair and Sigma Kappa sister Melanie Piddington was in charge of planning this year's Greek Week, with the help of Phi Tau Senior Chair Dave Dobbins, Sigma Phi Epsilon Junior Chair Josh Flaim, and Phi Mu Junior Chair Emily Stanton.

Greek Week started Tuesday after Easter break with an intense kickball competition. The team of Alpha Sigma Phi and Phi Mu blew away the competition and won the championship game. Next came Greek Feud. Sigma Phi Epsilon and Alpha Gamma Delta took the gold here. After Greek Feud,

photo by Lindsay Robertson

Zeta Tau Alpha claimed the title of Sing and Swing Champs for the sororities with their "Grease" theme.





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Saturday: Cloudy high 66 low 51°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Chapel Drama presents Children of Eden

by Megan Sigler
Staff Writer

Chapel Drama will present its annual performance this Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the chapel.

The play, Children of Eden, is loosely based on the first chapters of the book of Genesis, in a powerful and passionate story of greed, murder, hope and love. Act one narrates the tale of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and of the ill-fated brothers, Cain and Abel. Act two tells the account of Noah and his family during the flood. It is during the second act that the show starts to take some liberties and veer away from the original story. However, the show remains true to the traditional values of free choice, forgiveness and God's love.

"I think that there are a lot of profound truths in the play. Though it doesn't follow the exact story of the Bible, I think the themes of the story can reach out to the audience," Lisa Joyce said.

Joyce, the senior acting director, was responsible for creating the overall vision of the show. She worked directly with the actors, blocked the scenes and maintained constant communication with Choreographer Amanda Ries and Music Director Sean Taylor in order to create the final "fabulous spectacle."

When asked why she decided to take on the role of director, Joyce credited not only her love for theater, but her love for God as well. "I have always loved theater from the time I was young. And it's wonderful to be able to use my talents to glorify God and spread His message to the campus community."

The cast has been working diligently to spread its message through acting, dance and music since the first week of February. Every actor in the show is double cast, meaning that they play one role in the first act and another role in the second act. Though this may pose as a challenge for the students, they enjoy the opportunity to incorporate variety into their acting.

photo by Diana Moore

Children of Eden cast poses during rehearsal in the chapel.

First-year Cate Holder, who plays Eve and Mama Noah, loves her roles in the play. "It's so multi-faceted. I get to be young at the beginning and old at the end. My favorite part is Eve, because her character is so much like me."

Sophomore Brent Rodgers is excited about his part as Cain in the first act, because he's never played an evil person before. When asked what his favorite part of the show was, he noted the growth of the cast. "Being here with everyone and making progress and seeing that progress every night has been the best part of the show for me," Rodgers said.

Joyce beamed as she talked about her love for her cast. "The cast is so talented and so committed to this show. I've had such a fun time because they are just such phenomenal people to work with."

Co-producers Keturah Laney and Steve Allen have contributed their faith and support to the show as well. According to Joyce, Laney has served as a spiritual and emotional support to the cast and directors throughout the entire process. Laney, who has been involved with Chapel Drama for five years now, said the most amazing part of the show is the faith and talent of the students.

"People of varying talents come together to do a show because they believe in the message and build an incredible community through the message," Laney said. "And you can tell that when they perform. It gives me goose bumps."

Students have been sharing their faith through Chapel Drama for over 15 years. Auditions are held every winter for interested students.

Argo celebrates future, remembers past 100 years

by Jennifer Raub
Staff Writer

The Argo, Westminster's yearbook, had a birthday party in the quad April 24.

The Argo celebrated its 100th birthday with free cookies, soda and pencils outside of Galbreath Hall. The yearbook staff also placed table tents in the cafeteria with pictures from early editions of the Argo, along with current pictures of the same organizations.

"We held this to raise Argo's awareness around campus and to celebrate the one-hundredth edition. The Argo is an established part of this campus's history," said Argo staff member Kate Sweeney.

Argo staff members prepared the table and displayed yearbooks covering years from the 1920s up until 2001. Students enjoyed looking through the old editions.

"I think students and faculty enjoyed looking at the books and reliving moments from the past. Hopefully people got a few laughs checking out the bad hairdos and colorful clothes from the 80s. I know I did," said Melissa Logan, PR representative for the Argo.

The weather, along with general curiosity, helped the celebration to be a success. Around 100 students stopped to leaf through the various yearbooks.

"It was fun looking through the old yearbooks. Some of the teachers are still here, and it was fun to see pictures of them when they were younger," sophomore Jen Cattaneo said.

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College's Green Party and Allies gathered on the Quad, Wednesday for a press conference held at noon. During which, chairpersons of the organizations demanded that Sen. Santorum be stripped of his honorary Doctorate of Law degree from Westminster given in 1996.

An honorary doctorate is an official recognition for outstanding service to the community or nation. The College commonly gives four or five honorary degrees each year. The award includes a written certificate, academic hood, and right to use the title after the recipient's name. Santorum's degree was given during Dr. Remick's presidency.

During the conference, senior and president of Allies Sara Kimbell said, "Westminster's mission statement reads that the College wants their students to 'Develop intellectual curiosity and the competencies to reason logically, evaluate critically, communicate effectively, imagine creatively, and appreciate aesthetic and creative expressions of humanity.'"

She went on to argue that, "Westminster should not support a man who does not support the mission of the college."

Junior Rachel Lange said, "If Santorum's comments hadn't been so offensive, they would have been amusing. His comments were contradictory saying that he was not against homosexuals, but only homosexual acts. You can't separate the person from the act."

Westminster Green Party chairperson and junior Ken Jae followed Kimbell is asking for Santorum's honorary doctorate to be repealed. He stated that as a "pioneer of diversity," it is Westminster's responsibility to hold Santorum accountable for his comments.

Dr. Betsy Ford, English and Public Relations Department professor, further supported this idea. "I agree with the students. The college shouldn't support a person who makes such vicious statements."

Not everyone in attendance agreed with those speaking out against Sen. Santorum. Sophomore Jordan Kaufman worked for Santorum three years ago. "If you look at the statements closely, he didn't mean what he said. He was not questioning homosexual acts, but instead expressing his concern for traditional family values."

Also in the AP interview Sen. Santorum warned that additional laws advocating more freedoms concerning homosexuality would negatively affect family values. "You say, well, it's my individual freedom. Yes, but it destroys the basic units of our society because it condones behavior that's antithetical to strong, healthy families."

Sophomore Russ Mills also spoke out against today's press conference. "These people here are very hypocritical. They ask that we support their right to freedom of speech when they protest the war. Now that someone is going against their opinion it is wrong." Mills went on to explain that during the interview Santorum was questioning the right to privacy, not homosexuality.

Mark Meighen, Senior Director of Marketing and Communications, attended the conference. "The students made an adequate point to say that this conference does not necessarily indicate the college's opinion but rather that of two student organizations. But, intellectual debate is always a good thing. That's what college is all about."

For more information on the issue contact Allies President Kimbell at extension 6780, Green Party President Jae at extension 6475, or press coordinator Isaac Ludwig at 724-946-3815. A complete transcript of the interview is available online at http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/0422santorum-gays22-ONbox.html.

New editors chosen for next year's publications

by Jaime Carter
Staff Writer

The new editors for next year's student publications have recently been selected. Mrs. Suzanne Prestien is the chair of student publications and was very involved in the selection process.

According to Prestien, those interested in a position submitted an application letter and writing samples. The Student Publications Board then interviewed each candidate and made choices.

"I enjoy my role in this position, because it allows me to work with some very creative and responsible students," Prestien said.

There are three main student publications on campus. They include the "Holcad," the student newspaper; "Scrawl," the student literary magazine; and the "Argo," the yearbook.

The returning editor for the Holcad is Josh Storey, a junior English major, along with new co-editor Megan Sigler, a sophomore public relations major. They have just finished hiring next year's Holcad staff. Sigler stated that the people they hired are "promising additions" to their staff.

"Josh and I are very optimistic about the upcoming year for the Holcad. This year has been a wonderful learning experience for us, and we hope to continue the progression of the paper by building upon the experience we have already gained," Sigler said. "I'm proud to be working with such an amazing staff and look forward to a new and improved Holcad next year."

They have diversified the staff by hiring people from different majors, so there is a wider representation of opinion in the paper. They also plan on changing the format of the paper from a tabloid to a broadsheet paper. According to Sigler, this will offer them more opportunities to experiment with the layout and photography and give it a more professional and aesthetic appeal.

The Scrawl's new editor is junior English major Kathleen Sweeney. Sweeney plans to increase awareness around campus [concerning "Scrawl"] especially to majors outside of English and art. She also plans on improving the layout and encouraging more people to write.

"I'm really excited about taking this position," Sweeney said. "This job is great for me as someone who enjoys reading and writing, and is interested in learning more about art."

The Argo's new editor is junior public relations major Melissa Logan. She plans on building on what the editors have done in the past and involving more students in the process of making the yearbook.

"Within the last few years, we have made strides to base what is in the book on what students want," Logan said. "I'm excited to work with a great staff of editors next year to make the best book possible."

College and community to receive new cable channels

by Isaac Ludwig
Staff Writer

When students return from their summer breaks next year, not only will they be able to use the new campus center, they will also find a new cable service being funneled to their dorms. Will next year's first-year students start out spoiled, or what?

Jessica Rummel is heading up the Student Government Association's effort to bring a new cable system to the campus. "I've been working with this issue ever since I became a senator and I'm really excited to finally see something come out of it," she said. "I think people will be excited when they hear we'll be getting new cable system next year."

The only channel that will no longer be carried by New Wilmington's cable service is UPN, which will be UPN 19 Pittsburgh now instead of WUAB - UPN Cleveland. In addition to all our current channels students will have a host of new channels to choose from.

Sports nuts will love ESPN Classic. People craving more complete news coverage probably won't find it here in the U.S., but you will find some new channels in the line-up including, Fox News, CNBC, MSNBC, CNN Headline News, and the Weather Channel, after all, the weather is one of the most important parts of the news, isn't it?

For those with a family in mind will love the Home and Garden Television, the Food Network, the Cartoon Network, the Disney Channel, the Learning Channel, and of course the Family Channel.

And yes, we will be getting Comedy Central, MTV and CMT (Country Music Television). Other miscellanies channels will include Lifetime, Turner Classic Movies, TV Land, the Community A-Channel, WPCB – IND 40, QVC, the TV Guide Channel and the Travel Channel.

There are still ongoing talks on which channels will ultimately be added. Some other channels that are still up in the air are, WCWB – WB 22 Pittsburgh, the SPEED Channel, and FX. Borough residents will have HBO, Cinemax, Showtime/TMC, Encore, and Starz available to them as add-on, but the channels will most likely not be carried by the college.

Spring Honors Convocation awards academic excellence

by Jennifer Mossor
Staff Writer

Last Saturday marked the annual Spring Honors Convocation, during which students were honored for their academic achievements. The program was held at 11:00 a.m. in Orr Auditorium and was followed by an outdoor reception.

The program was quite varied with such honors as Dean's List, Lambda Sigma, Mortar Board, Omicron Delta Kappa, fraternity/sorority academic recognition, scholar-athlete awards and Pi Sigma Pi. Some students were also recognized for their work in the Honors Program, and some were honored for their service to the community.

Pi Sigma Pi is the highest honor the college awards for academic achievement. Junior Elissa Curtis became a Pi Sigma Pi member at this year's program.

"I was quite excited to be honored as a member of Pi Sigma Pi. I have been unable to get into any other honor societies on campus due to transferring to Westminster, so I was excited to receive such an honor for my academic achievements," she said.

The program also recognized those students who received a scholarship or award from departmental and non-departmental endowments. These awards are scholarships that have been created by alumni and various contributors to the college. In January, the students were notified as to what scholarships were available. The faculty then nominated students for each scholarship, and those students were encouraged to apply. When a list of candidates was compiled, the faculty and staff tried to fit each scholarship to the most deserving student.

Robert Latta, Director of Financial Aid, was in charge of explaining the guidelines of each scholarship to the faculty and staff.

"My job was to explain the parameter of the scholarship. We had to consider each candidate's academics, activities and financial need," Latta said.

Jesse Mann, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, presided over this year's convocation.

"It was a really great day to celebrate academic achievement. The convocation is a chance to recognize students, to let them know that we appreciate them and thank them for doing good work," Mann said.

Junior Stephanie Moser, newly initiated Pi Sigma Pi member, agreed. "It was great to see Westminster honoring so many students and recognizing their many different accomplishments."

Campus Snapshots

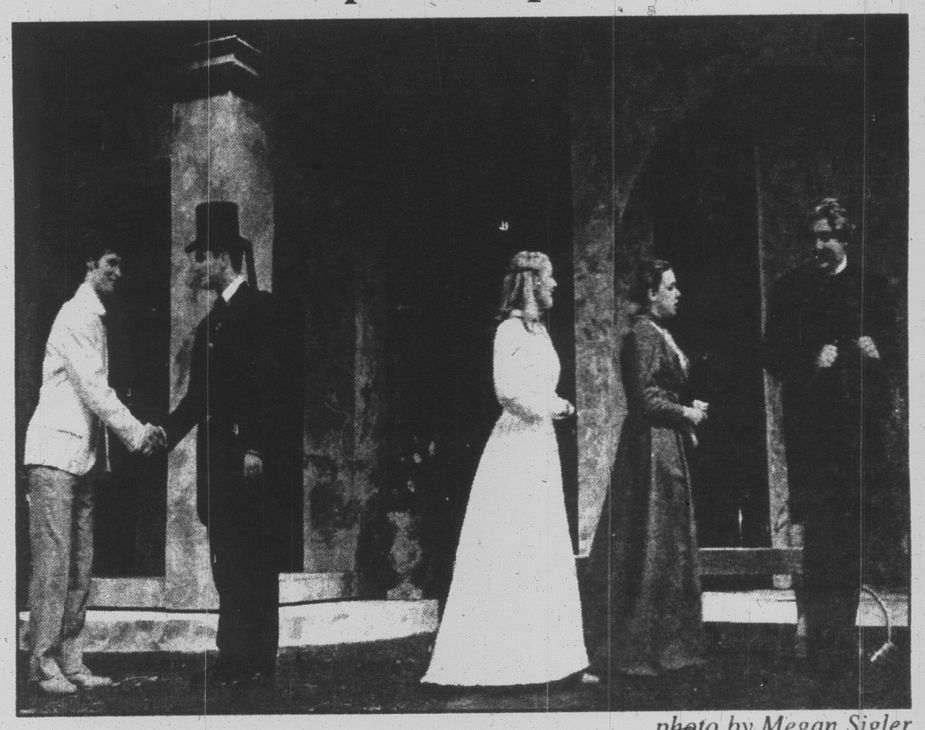

photo by Megan Sigler

Students rehearse this weekend's performance of "The Importance of Being Earnest." The play is being shown Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and on Sunday at 2 pm in Beeghly Theater. Seats are still available.

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each sorority and fraternity had two hours of Sing 'n' Swing practice that started at 9 p.m. and ended at eleven.

Wednesday came and so did track and field, volleyball and the much anticipated Miss Titan. Alpha Sigs and Zeta Tau Alpha crossed the finish line first, jumped the highest and threw the furthest to dominate the track and field competition. Alpha Sigs also won the volleyball game for the guys, while Sigma Kappa defeated the Zetas for the win.

Sophomore Sigma Kappa Heather Hay said she had a great time during Greek Week. "I cheered on my sisters all week," said Hay. "And having Sing 'n' Swing practice every night gave us a chance to bond. It was a lot of fun."

Sigma Kappa sponsored the Miss Titan competition that took place Wednesday night.

After Miss Titan came two more hours of Sing 'n' Swing practice.

Thursday was a busy day for the Greeks. It started with an intense ultimate frisbee competition followed by a game of bocce. Sig Eps and Alpha Gams took the win in both competitions. Next was bob-

Your Student Government Association

by Christine Atkins
Contributing Writer

Student Government met this week for their last meeting of the school year. Many things from the Slate Atkins platform were already completed during this year's meetings and we are looking forward to next year's planned events and SGA meetings. But this week we talked about the following things:

VolleyRock 2003 will be here tomorrow!!!! Come down and join the fun! There are many fun activities planned for everyone to get involved with. These include a water balloon toss, a watermelon eating contest, a gladiator joust, and a hula-hoop contest!! Prizes will be given to the winners!

The Academics committee is still waiting for a reply about possibly providing students with the opportunity of taking sign language classes. Any new information will be mentioned next semester.

Allocations to student organizations went very well this week with 41 student organizations receiving funding from the SGA.

SGA Promotions Day will be this coming Monday, May 5th! Donuts and drinks will be served in Orr Lobby from 9am-11am. A SGA representative will also be there to take any suggestions or answer any questions you may have. Golf cart rides around campus will be available from 9-4pm, so enjoy a ride provided by your SGA!

If you don't have any plans for Sunday, go to Kennywood!! SGA is currently selling student tickets at the low price of $10 per person. The ticket also includes a free all day pass to Sandcastle good through June. If you are interested please contact Carolee Reed, former Special events coordinator via email.

That's about all this week. As always you are more than welcomed to our meetings. We also like to hear from you, so send your questions, comments, or concerns to SGA@westminster.edu. Have a great weekend and summer!

Fall Fest to start out the new year

by Jessica Bevan
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association and Campus Programming Committee are working together to kick off the 2003-2004 school year in a big way.

Fall Fest will be a campus-wide event held on September 6, 2003, that SGA and CPC hope to make an annual occasion just like VolleyRock. Activities are planned for the whole day, and will take advantage of the new facilities in the renovated campus center

"Fall Fest is going to be a kickoff to the beginning of each year with entertainment and activities to get students involved and excited for the new school year," said CPC chair Craig Carlin.

A flag football tournament, beginning at 10 a.m. and running through the afternoon, will be the anchoring event of the day.

"The flag football tournament will be very similar to the VolleyRock tournament, said SGA Vice President, sophomore Russ Mills. "Teams will have to register the same way."

The day will also incorporate music in a few ways. CPC has already contracted a band from New York City called Raine. SGA is planning to splurge a little on another, more well-known group. A karaoke contest is also planned, and Carlin hopes that one of the bands might serve as judges.

"Our slate's platform said we would provide more musical entertainment," Mills said. "We are going to take money and get a more well-known band; the one I am working on is the Juliana Theory."

Two comedians, Daniel Tosh and Troy Thirdgill, will round out the day by providing a few laughs.

"The comedians are up-and-comers with a lot of talent that not many people know about," Carlin said. "They definitely will have people rolling on the ground laughing."

Sophomore Amanda DePaolis is excited all of the Fall Fest activities. "Where else can you play football, sing like you've never sung before, laugh your butt off, and listen to some good music?" she said. "It sounds like a lot of fun. I can't wait!"

Seniors bond before commencement

by Kylee Hasson
Staff Writer

During Senior Week, the senior class will get the chance to relax and have fun with friends for one last time as they prepare for graduation.

Seniors have the opportunity to participate in several events during the week leading up to graduation. Students must register for the various activities, which include a night out at the Hot Rod Café, a twilight cruise on the Gateway Clipper and a trip to Cedar Point.

"I think everyone has fun," Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of student affairs, said. "We try to keep the cost down."

Hawthorne noted that the events have become a tradition and are basically the same every year. The challenge is scheduling the events. Hawthorne scheduled the night out at Hot Rod's on May 12, which will allow students to relax before the Gateway Clipper twilight cruise on May 13.

"[You can] stay out late one night and then you don't go out until the next evening," Hawthorne said.

Certain activities, such as the Gateway Clipper cruise, are more popular than others, but Hawthorne tried to schedule a variety of activities, including the president's brunch on May 15. Activities are not usually scheduled for the Friday before graduation but the seniors will present the class gift to the Board of Trustees at the senior class picnic. The picnic will begin at 11:30 a.m. after the rehearsal for graduation.

Students do not have to attend every activity and some events are more anticipated than others.

"I'm going to everything except Cedar Point," senior Katrina Kayden said. "I think I'm looking forward to Hot Rod's the most. I have a final that day so it will be nice to go out and have fun that night."

Senior Christa Wheaton agreed. "It sounds like a fun week."

A cash bar is available at Hot Rod's and the Gateway Clipper cruise so students must bring a valid driver's license. Students are also provided with a meal plan for the entire week. Transportation to the events is provided and the departure times are strictly enforced.

Senior week ends with graduation on May 17. Graduates will assemble at 9:45 a.m. for Baccalaureate, which starts at 10:30 a.m. Students and their families can attend the picnic lunch on the quad before assembling for graduation. Commencement begins at 2:30 p.m. on the south terrace of Old Main.

Peace and Love, Westminster College

by Glyniss Armagost
Feature Editor

"It moves invisibly through the air, dissolving the usual ways of seeing, allowing new ways to creep in, secretly, quietly, like a stray cat sliding through bushes."
– Afternoon of the Elves

Well, this is it. One last nonsense article to say...Goodbye Westminster College, hola...wherever the dandy lions take me.

I let the yellow blossoms control my destination yesterday, ending up somewhere near the Neshannock River on a trail that flowered into a young growth forest. Inside the serenity of the trees, surrounded only by the singing conversations of the birds, I contemplated the few short days until graduation, what the next stop on the map will be, what kind of life I will live without someone making my food and giving me homework assignments.

Tears, happy ones I assure you, came slipping down my cheeks. Every fear, every stress, all negativity left me. I realized at that moment how much I love my life.

I love it, my friends. I love my life. Every moment that I take for granted, and every second that I waste thinking that nothing will work out is time that I valuably waste. And it has taken me four expeditious years here at Westminster to realize it.

Life really could be so much worse than I allow myself to imagine. But, I also have to remember that people feel the way they do, they can't help it. I have many, many more years to go, to live out the long list of dreams, created starting at the age of five, sealed for potentiality at twenty-one. I can't keep dwelling on the negative. It just isn't worth it.

Everyone has something to live for, something to be thankful for or honored by, even on the bad days. Never forget that, please, even on the bad days.

I wouldn't have been able to come to this enlightenment without the people that I have met here at Westminster. My friends, young, middle-aged and old, cracked the eggshell over the hissing frying pan, allowing me to see what life has to offer, sunny-side up. Thank you.

And, also, to the people that did not become a conversationalist with me, thank you for the chance to observe you, to watch and learn about all the different kinds of cereal boxes out there. Everyone sure is made up of many different ingredients, aren't they?

I might not have a brain that thinks like yours, but I have a brain that thinks beautiful thoughts. I don't have a lot of wisdom. I know I am young. But I have a few things I would like to say, to make at least a few people think, to look for the cats in the bushes, and listen to conversations in the trees...

When, if you have children, think before you teach them that words never hurt. Personally, I would take a rock brawl over malicious names.

Never build your life around someone. Assemble your own white picket fence.

Don't kill yourself trying to fit in, friendships have seasons too.

Listen to opinions, even if it makes you angry.

Read books as if they were in danger of extinction.

Learn to cook something from scratch.

Never apologize for the way you feel.

Dance.

Laugh.

And most importantly, while brushing your teeth, imagine a bucket. Watch the water rain down inside, as if you were cooking spaghetti for 47 dinner guests. Do you really need that water flowing to brush your teeth?

Goodbye, Westminster College. It has been an unforgettable trip.

Psychology professor David Gray to retire after 37 years

by Kim Klappert
Staff Writer

Dr. David B. Gray, professor of psychology, is retiring this spring after 37 years.

He leaves behind a legacy that includes the development of the Psychology program in 1970, working as the department chair for almost 20 years and designing the psychology Senior Studies program in 1977 (now known as Capstone).

"He has been the most important person in the development of the senior thesis," Dr. Sandra Webster, professor and current chair of the psychology department, said.

The Senior Studies program gives students the opportunity to present their senior theses to a panel of professors. The theses are then bound and kept in a library to be used as references for other students.

A 1956 graduate with a tri-major in philosophy, religion and psychology, Gray went on to Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and had a brief pastorate at Martins Ferry Presbyterian Church in Martins Ferry, OH. From there, he earned his Ph.D in psychology at the University of Pittsburgh. Gray taught psychology for one semester at Robert Morris before coming to teach at Westminster.

According to Webster, Gray is always looking for new ways to teach. He makes issues internationally relevant to students and continues to increase the quality of education.

"He has a love for what he teaches," sophomore Traci Campbell said. "He seems to have a real passion for what he does."

An alumni panel will be meeting on April 25 to discuss how the Senior Studies program affected their lives and what they gained from being able to participate in the experience.

After retirement, Gray plans to spend more time focusing on his family. His wife, Phyllis, is a ninth-grade civics teacher at New Wilmington High School. He has four children, Amy, Lisa, Gwen and Josh, as well as six grandchildren.

Gray also plans to develop one of his longtime hobbies, archery. During his time as a professor, Gray began his own company, The Krakow Co., which specializes in finding handmade archery bows. He lines up the orders of international clients with worldwide bow makers. Among the several books he has written, one of them focuses on his hobby and is entitled, "Bows of the World," published in 2002.

Gray is also pursuing mounted archery, an art that combines hitting three targets, while on horseback, in a period of 16 seconds. He is responsible for bringing the sport to the US by inviting a Hungarian archer to teach and perform at an annual international festival in Fort Dodge, IA.

Gray has also been nominated by Webster to receive the Distinguished Faculty Award. He humbly had little to say about his nomination other than he believes that there are many professors who deserve such and award.

A replacement professor has been hired for the fall semester but has not yet been announced.

Dr. Ann Coble to leave college and pursue writing career

by Christopher Hatch
Staff Writer

Dr. Ann Coble is leaving Westminster after four years of service as assistant professor of Christian education and religion.

Coble has taught such classes as "Understanding the Christian Faith," "Understanding the Bible," "Christian Ethics" and "The Life and Works of C.S. Lewis." Both students and faculty will miss the personality and teachings of Dr. Coble.

"She is a wonderful colleague and a highly qualified educator," Dr. Eugene Sharkey said. "I regret her leaving."

Coble's decision to leave is based on a number of different elements. She cited being burned out from the teaching load, and also family matters as reasons for her decision.

"I would like to live closer to my family," she said.

Her plans for after this year are to do exactly that. Dr. Coble will be moving to Nashville, Tennessee and teaching part time at Belmont University. The move to Nashville will take Coble within a two-hour drive from her hometown of Huntsville, Alabama.

Another reason that has influenced Coble's decision to leave has been her intentions to work on more writing projects. Having already published "Cotton patch for the Kingdom: Clarence Jordan's Demonstration Plot at Koinonia Farm" in 2001, Coble's desire to write and publish more of her works has had a major impact on her decision to leave. She plans on writing and publishing two different styles of works.

"I want to write some more academic stuff, but I also want to write one mystery novel," she said.

It is hard for Coble to say what she will miss the most from her time at Westminster, but one thing she already misses is teaching Inquiry classes.

"I taught Inquiry II last year and didn't get to this year," she said. "I'll miss that a lot."

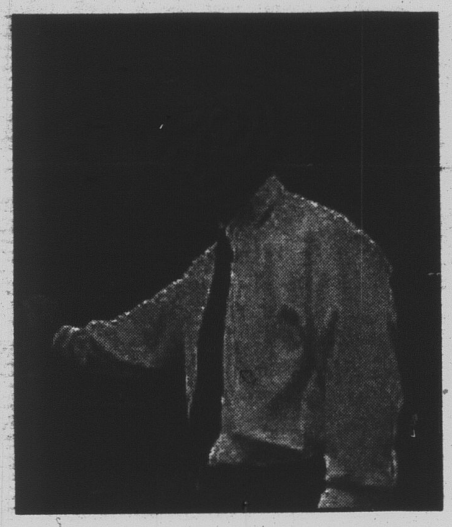
Not only will she miss teaching students, but students will also miss learning from her.

"I had Dr. Coble for Inquiry and she really opened my eyes to seeing the world from different perspectives," sophomore Pat O'Connor said.

Dr. Bryan Rennie also spoke of his admiration for what Coble has meant to Westminster.

"She has been unstintingly useful to the department and invariably popular with her students," he said. "But perhaps, above all, it will be her bright and cheerful personality that is most missed when she leaves this department."

In appreciation for what Dr. Coble has done at Westminster, the Department of Religion, History, Philosophy, and Classics is holding an appreciation and farewell reception. The reception will take place in the Beeghly Theater lobby on Tuesday May 6, from 3p.m until 4:30. All students and faculty are invited to attend.



Rev. Steve Allen

Rev. Allen is leaving the college after two years of dedicated service to the chapel and its staff. His commitment will be missed.

Dr. "Clarence" Harms

Join the Biology Department in a farewell celebration for Dr. Harms on Friday, May 2 at 3 p.m. at the Boat House.

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March 7th, and held double room drawings for women on April 8th for upperclassmen and April 15th for first year women. The reason that the process is so spread out, says Burnett, is so that students can approach Student Affairs if they have any problems, and so that accommodations can be made and questions answered.

Robertson, whose ire has been raised by the situation, still feels robbed by the room she missed. Burnett, who admits that glitches do happen, says if future students have issues with the process then she would rather have them come to her and get their questions answered than feel as though the system has not served them.

Burnett says that her own objectives are two-fold: To provide adequate housing for the 1100 or so students on campus, and to get people where they want to go, if at all possible. Students who do not get the room they wanted can also ask to be placed on the waiting list, in the event that one becomes available for whatever reason. "I know it's an inconvenience," Burnett says, "but hopefully by being placed first or second on a wait-list, they'll be put in the assignment of their choice."

Squatting and then selecting a new room is not permissible, but it still happens. Burnett admits that there is a lot of room to get confused under the current system, especially since the process takes so long. Thus she is sympathetic to students who feel confused, cheated, or who do not understand the rules. Robertson, after learning how she missed her room of choice, said, "I think that it's unfair for people to have two rooms [reserved for them]."

There are no current plans to fix the glitch, except to continue and try to educate students on how to go through housing selection. The hope is that once students understand that they cannot both reserve and select a room, they will stop doing it.

Burnett makes her feelings on the matter clear. "I just want this to be a fair system," she says. She remains open to new ideas and improvements, and suggests that students with ideas come forward. Furthermore, she is currently considering whether or not the college could support a web-based system, or if housing selections ought to be a scheduled event similar to class registration.

Many on campus agree that room selection ought to be as fair as possible. First-year student Jenn Britton, who later found out she chose a room that was locked out to upperclassmen, said, "I don't think it's fair to the upperclassmen, because I know when I'm an upperclassmen, I'm going to want first pick as well. Everybody's a freshman at one point."

Ultimately, though, even deciding on what is fair is a difficult job for Student Affairs. While it is clear that most people agree seniority needs to be taken into account, there are still questions of what order upperclassmen will go in, and how to deal with those who made mistakes during the selection process.

Though there is some pressure and vying for rooms, Burnett feels competition for housing depends mostly on what a student wants. She admits that it is less intense with women since there are more options open to them. Men usually only have a choice between Eichenauer and Russell. But for women at Westminster, Burnett says, "It's what you like or don't like. Each hall tends to develop its own personality."

Upcoming summer music releases

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

Thanks for reading my column this year, I'm headed off to do an internship with MTV this summer, so hopefully I'll get some good interviews in the can to bring to all of you who will still be around next year. I'd like to leave you with a preview of this summer's rock music CD releases. I'll start off in the beginning of May, the 6th to be exact, the when the Matrix Reloaded CD will be released. If you were a fan of the first Matrix you've probably been squirming in your underpants for the last couple of years while this movie has been boiling under the surface. The last movie's soundtrack was a decent one, and this one sounds interesting also. The soundtrack will give you a snapshot of some new music from Linkin Park, Marilyn Manson, Rob Zombie, the Deftones, Team Sleep, P.O.D., Unloco, and more.

The following week Marilyn Manson will release his album "The Golden Age of Grotesque," and Cold will release their third album "Year of the Spider." Fans of Cold should pay specific attention to this album because it will probably be a gage the of course the band may be taking in the future. While their last two albums sounded very raw, from what I've heard so far, this album is shaping up to be just another overproduced cookie-cutter pop-alt-rock record.

On May 20th a number of long awaited albums will be released. Staind will be releasing their fourth album, 14 Shades of Grey, that is looking like it may take the same overproduced, radio-pleasing road Cold may have taken. The Deftones will release their much-anticipated fourth studio effort that will be a self-titled album. The album's first single, called Minerva is surprisingly hailed as the mellowest song on the record. After having a couple members of the band quit and scrapping an entire CD's worth of material Powerman 5000 have regrouped and will release their first album with their new line-up. System of a Down's lead singer Serj Tankian and fellow Armenian musician Arto Tuncboyaciyan will be releasing their cooperative musical experiment on an album entitled Serart. Less Than Jake will also be releasing their latest album titled Anthem that week.

June 3rd will see the release of a new album from 6gig, whose drummer died about a year ago, titled "Mind Over Mind" and Sugar Ray will release, "In Pursuit of Leisure."

The much talked about Metallica album "St. Anger" that is said to be more in line with the band's earlier material, will be released on the 10 of June. Metallica will also be embarking on another Summer Sanitarium tour with a number of artists. Also that week, Radiohead will release their latest musical adventure "Hail to the Thief."

As far as the rest of the summer goes, Limp Bizkit may release an album this summer, June 17th is one of the proposed dates, but you should expect a lot of backlash and pushing back of that album. Jane's Addiction will be releasing first album in a long time titled "Hypersonic" on July 15th. Perry Ferrell has also reawakened the Lollapalooza tour this year, which will feature Audioslave, Incubus, Jurassic 5, Jane's Addiction and a few other acts. 311 have an album in the works titled "Evolver," that is slated to be released on the 22nd of July. After a tragic bus accident in Spain, Alien Ant Farm is back in the studio to pen their second album, which is being produced by STP's Dean and Robert Deleo. Their album is currently slated for an August 5th release.

There has also been talk of albums from A Perfect Circle and Zack de la Rocha's long awaited solo album this summer, but you never know... all you can do is keep your fingers crossed.

The HOLCAD wishes everyone a safe and happy summer

Have fun everyone
See you next year

AROUND THE GLOBE

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Gov. Rendell proposes plans to renovate major airports

HARRISBURG (AP) Gov. Ed Rendell said yesterday that the state would develop a plan to renovate Pittsburgh and Philadelphia International airports and reduce operating costs at both terminals in preparation for negotiations with US Airways.

The governor said the plan also would make the airports more attractive to other carriers if US Airways ultimately decides to cut back its operations in the state. "What we do will improve the long-term viability of Pittsburgh International and Philadelphia International airports," Rendell said.

Rendell's announcement came after a 90-minute meeting at the governor's mansion with officials from Pittsburgh and Philadelphia to plan strategy for negotiations with the airline.

US Airways, which recently emerged from bankruptcy protection, has canceled its leases at Pittsburgh International Airport, and has asked for $115 million in infrastructure-related improvements and another $40 million to build a maintenance hangar and training center for regional jets.

In Philadelphia, it is seeking $140 million in rent relief as well as $95 million in facilities and runway improvements.

"Our position is going to be one where we try to help US Airways, help [Pittsburgh International] and Philadelphia [International]," the governor said.

He called the meeting a fact-finding session that allowed him to see what each side of the state is facing in its dealings with US Airways.

"Nothing was finalized here today because we all have a lot of work to do," said Rendell, who predicted that it will be another three or four weeks before the parties are ready to sit down with the airline.

"Whatever we do in terms of capital improvements and reducing operating costs, if US Air says 'Not good enough, we're outta here,' " then it will be attractive to other airlines, he said. "No one can guarantee US Airways or any airline will be present three, four, five years down the road."

Despite that thinking, Rendell said he was committed to trying to keep US Airways operating and growing in Pennsylvania and wanted a commitment from the airline to that effect.

"Whatever we do, we intend to ask them for specific guarantees in return," Rendell said.

The governor said that for the sake of US Airways employees, nearly 9,000 in Western Pennsylvania alone, the state is obligated to do what it can to try and resolve the situation.

Among the local officials attending yesterday's meeting were Allegheny County Chief Executive Jim Roddey, Pittsburgh Mayor Tom Murphy, Beaver County Commissioner Dan Donatella, Washington County Commissioner George Bevec, Allegheny County's top airport official, Kent George, and airport authority attorney Jeffrey Letwin.

Grant allows teachers to develop new war curriculum

PITTSBURGH (AP) The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania has received a $200,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to develop a curriculum about the French and Indian War that will focus on the role that Native Americans played.

Ann Fortescue, director of education for the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center, will serve as administrative director of the grant. She will work with 31 teachers from seven states to develop the new curriculum, which can be used by teachers in grades kindergarten through 12.

Scott Stephenson, a curator at the history center who did his doctoral dissertation on the war, will serve as co-director of the grant and integrate new scholarship into the curriculum.

Andrew E. Masich, president and chief executive officer of the history center, said that in years past, scholars have neglected the significant role that Native Americans played in the war.

"They are not just people lurking in the shadows as the British and French are duking it out here in the wilderness," Masich said.

During the conflict, which began here in 1754, Britain, France and Native Americans battled for control of North America. Initially, the Native Americans fought alongside the French but later signed treaties with the British.

Britain won but the war effort nearly bankrupted its treasury. To raise funds, Britain began imposing heavy taxes on American colonists, arousing their ire and igniting the American Revolution.

The grant will draw on the expertise of 31 teachers from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Virginia and West Virginia, as well as American historians, curators and archivists.

"The project is a teacher-training program. The product will be electronic lessons and resources that will be acceptable not only to the teachers who participate in the grant-funded project but for teachers throughout the country," Fortescue said.

When the project is finished, sometime in May 2006, Fortescue said, "teachers from across the country will be able to access the curriculum simply by going to the history center's Web site."

The new curriculum is part of a local initiative to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the start of the war, which occurs in 2004.

In 2005, the history center will open a major exhibit about the war. The exhibit will travel to Canada and the Smithsonian.

By studying the type of culture clash that occurred among the British, French and Native Americans during the war, Fortescue said, students will be able to draw comparisons and contrasts to the current war in Iraq.

"The same issues surface today that surfaced 250 years ago," Fortescue said.

Regional Briefs

Women fined for owning cats

PITTSBURGH (AP) Two women were fined $1,200 each and have been barred from owning more than one pet after animal control officers found their filthy home crowded with 26 cats and a dog.

Humane officers seized the animals from the Pittsburgh home of Patricia Danvers, 62, and Wanna Smith, 55, on March 31 after Smith called authorities saying she wanted to give away 14 cats because her roommate, Danvers, was ill.

Humane officers said they found the 27 sickly pets - many kept in tiny, dirty carriers - in a home littered with animal feces, infested with cockroaches and with only one litter box.

"I tried to take care of them, but I was in a deep depression. I just couldn't take care of them," said Danvers, who is now in a convalescent home. Danvers said she was too ill to buy pet food or take the animals to a veterinarian.

Smith, who pleaded guilty, said she tried to correct the problem by getting rid of the animals.

District Justice Eugene Zielmanski chided the pair before sentencing them.

"You obviously love animals, but you must maintain them as if they are children," Zielmanski said. "This is deplorable; these animals were suffering."

The cats and dog have been taken to a no-kill shelter in Pittsburgh for adoption.

Power plant proposal pulled

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP) Blaming the slow economy, a utility has pulled the plug on a proposed power plant that would have been the largest project ever in a western Pennsylvania township.

Officials with Washington, D.C.-based Pepco Holding Co. told officials in Jackson Township on Tuesday they would be unable to build a $600 million power plant on a former strip mine, about 55 miles east of Pittsburgh.

The utility canceled plans to build the 1,100-megawatt plant because of the distressed energy market and higher natural gas and oil prices, company spokeswoman Nancy Sullivan said.

"We were really working to make this happen. It is one of those things. There is nothing we can do," township Manager Dave Hirko said.

The plant first proposed in June 2000 was briefly delayed after the discovery of potentially endangered timber rattlesnakes at the site, which could also be a habitat for the endangered Indiana bat.

Officer charged for theft

MILLCREEK, Pa. (AP) A former police officer avoided jail time but will have to pay a $1,000 fine and reimburse a northwestern Pennsylvania town for the gasoline he allegedly stole from his patrol car.

James Armour, 55, a 27-year veteran of the Millcreek Police in Erie County, pleaded guilty Tuesday to theft charges for siphoning gas from his patrol car last month.

He faced as many as two years in jail, but a judge imposed the fine and ordered him to pay Millcreek $22.50 for the 15 gallons of gas he took.

Armour, who was fired March 25 after officials refused to accept his resignation, wanted to put the thefts behind him, said his attorney Phil Friedman.

Police suspected Armour of siphoning gas and set up surveillance on March 17. Officers allegedly watched him siphon gas from his patrol car into two gas cans, according to police.

Judge pulls from primary

LANCASTER, Ohio (AP) A judge jailed on charges that he set his lakefront home on fire after increasing its insurance coverage has withdrawn from the May 6 primary.

Fairfield County Municipal Judge Donald McAuliffe informed the county elections board of his decision in a one-sentence letter written from the Franklin County jail in Columbus. The board received the letter Monday.

McAuliffe has been held without bail in the jail since Friday, one day after a federal grand jury indicted him on seven counts including arson, mail fraud, conspiracy and money laundering.

The indictment said McAuliffe and an unidentified accomplice set the fire after the judge increased insurance coverage on his home along Buckeye Lake in Millersport to more than $200,000 from $125,000 in February 2002. Millersport is 25 miles east of Columbus.

The mail fraud counts carry a maximum five-year prison term and the money laundering and arson counts have maximum 10-year sentences.

Also on Monday, Fairfield County Republican Party Chairman Brian Fox had asked McAuliffe to resign.

"Judge McAuliffe is entitled to the presumption of innocence and our actions are not meant to prejudice any future legal proceedings," Fox said. "However, I believe that the party must take decisive action to ensure that we hold public officials to the highest ethical standards in appearance as well as in deeds."

McAuliffe was running for a second six-year term. His first term ends in January.

NATIONAL

Bush pledges a liberated Iraq will establish a democracy

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) President Bush yesterday pledged to a boisterous crowd of Arab-Americans and Iraqi-Americans that a liberated Iraq would soon establish a democracy to reflect the voices of its citizens, and that the U.S. military would remain in the Persian Gulf nation until its government was stable.

Interrupted nine times by raucous standing ovations reminiscent of a collegiate pep rally, Bush told his Dearborn audience of about 500 that he has confidence in the future of a free Iraq.

"The Iraqi people are fully capable of self-government," Bush said. "Every day, Iraqis are moving toward democracy and embracing the responsibilities of active citizenship. Every day, life in Iraq improves as coalition troops work to secure unsafe areas and bring food and medical care to those in need." Before the speech at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, Bush held a roundtable discussion with local Iraqi-Americans about the future of their homeland.

The appearance in this community that includes the largest U.S. concentration of Arab-Americans came on the same day that 250 leading Iraqis met in Baghdad with Jay Garner, the retired U.S. general who has been appointed the temporary administrator of Iraq in the wake of Saddam Hussein's ouster. That meeting, according to news reports, resulted in an agreement to convene a national conference within four weeks to try to constitute a government led by Iraqis.

Bush said his meeting in Dearborn proved that "many Iraqi-Americans know the horrors of Saddam Hussein's regime firsthand. You also know the joys of freedom you have found here in America. You are living proof the Iraqi people love freedom and living proof the Iraqi people can flourish in democracy.

"People who live in Iraq deserve the same freedom that you and I enjoy here in America," Bush said, "and after years of tyranny and torture, that freedom has finally arrived."

The president addressed the crowd as 75 Arab-Americans were seated behind him. The performing arts center stage was black with two white, brown, and green signs that proclaimed — in English and Arabic — the "Renewal in Iraq."

There were no American flags on the dais, a departure from the red, white, and blue decorations that typically adorn the setting of a presidential speech. The only American flag in the auditorium was draped over the shoulders of Mohammad Y. Alshara, a 33-year-old Iraqi-American who had fled the country 12 years ago, after the first Persian Gulf war. "I wear this flag because I want to appreciate what the Americans do for my country," Alshara said. "I hope to return to Iraq and help rebuild Iraq."

Santorum's comments an unwelcome suprising to GOP's

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) To supporters of Sen. Rick Santorum, the controversy over his statements on homosexuality and the law come as an unwelcome distraction at a time in which his star has been on the ascent.

Santorum has not just risen to become the No. 3 Republican in the U.S. Senate, but he has also become as an increasingly dominant figure within the state Republican Party.

While in office, former Gov. Tom Ridge was unchallenged as the top Republican in Pennsylvania. But Ridge's move to the relatively apolitical job of Homeland Security secretary left a vacuum at the top of the party that benefited Santorum more than anyone else.

Santorum, the state's junior senator, has emerged as perhaps the most influential figure within the state party because of his appeal to the GOP's conservative base and his central role in the redistricting plan that gave Republicans a big majority in the state's congressional delegation.

"People were looking for leadership after Ridge left, that's one thing," one senior GOP strategist said of Santorum's rising intraparty-clout. "Number two was that he was ascending nationally [in the Senate], and then in the redistricting battle."

Redistricting was the responsibility of the state Legislature's Republican leadership. Santorum weighed in on the process, however, lobbying for significant change designed to maximize GOP strength in Western Pennsylvania.

Rep. John Perzel, R-Philadelphia, then the Republican majority leader and now the speaker of the House, initially balked at the Santorum plan. But, after minor changes designed to accommodate Rep. John Murtha, D-Johnstown, most of the Santorum map became law, and will govern the state congressional elections for the rest of the decade.

The initial result was a delegation that had been nearly evenly split — 11 to 10 in favor of the GOP — emerged with the lopsided Republican majority of 12-7.

"The point that people saw was that he rolled up his sleeves and worked the process," said Terry Madonna, a Millersville University political scientist and commentator on state politics.

One Santorum ally, Rep. Melissa Hart, R-Bradford Woods, remained secure in a district north of Pittsburgh, while another, Rep. Tim Murphy, R-Upper St. Clair, cruised to victory in a district custom drawn for him south of the city. Their twin victories were an effective rebuttal to GOP voices in Harrisburg who had challenged Santorum's redistricting proposal. Those Republicans argued that the more prudent course would have been to use Republican-leaning communities to fashion one secure GOP district, rather than take the opportunity to create two competitive districts.

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Pipe bomb backfires

SOUTH BERWICK, Maine (AP) A pipe bomb detonated for kicks by an adult and two youths riddled a car with shrapnel and sent two of them to the hospital, police said Tuesday.

The three put M80-type explosives in a 3-foot metal pipe and the ensuing explosion left their 1998 Pontiac Sunbird with flat tires and shrapnel damage, said Police Chief Dana Lajoie.

William Dawson, 19, of South Berwick, lost an eye in the blast and was transported to a Massachusetts hospital for treatment of severe facial injuries, said Stephen McCausland, spokesman for the state Public Safety Department.

A 15-year-old friend from South Berwick, whose name was not released, was taken to a local hospital.

A 14-year-old in the group was uninjured.

It appeared that the three had sought shelter in the car, but that it didn't protect them from the powerful blast.

An investigator from the state fire marshal's office went to the scene, along with four South Berwick officers.

Preliminary information indicated the three set off the explosion for "the sheer thrill of the bang," Lajoie said. The explosion was reported at 2:21 p.m. in a wooded area of the town, he said.

Lajoie said he anticipated that charges would be filed upon completion of the investigation.

Soldier dies in accident

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) A soldier from North Brunswick who died this month in Iraq was cleaning his weapon when it discharged and a bullet struck him in the head, an Army spokesman said Tuesday.

Spc. Narson B. Sullivan, 21, died April 25, according to the U.S. Department of Defense. He was with the 411th Military Police Company out of Fort Hood, Texas.

Army spokesman Maj. Steve Stover told the Home News Tribune of East Brunswick that one round discharged from the gun.

Sullivan is the third New Jersey resident to have died during military service in Iraq. The others were Cpl. Michael E. Curtin, 23, of Howell Township, and Army Staff Sgt. Terry Hemingway, 39, of Willingboro. Both were killed by a suicide bomber.

Army Spc. Gil Mercado, 25, a native of Paterson whose family lives in Puerto Rico, also died in Iraq of a non-combat wound.

Sullivan was "a fun-loving, very kind person," his aunt, Tabitha Sullivan, told the Home News on Tuesday. "He would make anyone happy."

She said her nephew joined the Army in August 2000 to help pay for a college education. He was assigned to Fort Hood on Feb. 1.

Bill approved to protect visas

DENVER (AP) The [State] Senate gave tentative approval to a bill Tuesday that would require state-supported colleges to pay special attention to the visa status of students from countries with links to Islamic terrorism.

Sen. John Andrews, R-Centennial, said Islamic terrorists were responsible for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and are a proven threat.

"We should prioritize a list of countries with demonstrated susceptibility to the virus of Islamic terrorism," Andrews told the Senate.

Federal law already requires colleges to verify the visa status of all students. Senate Bill 322 would force colleges to pay special attention to students from Islamic countries.

The Senate approved the bill on a voice vote. It faces a third reading before being sent to the House.

Sen. Ron Tupa, D-Boulder, said the measure discriminates against Islamic countries, ignoring other countries linked to terrorism like North Korea and non-Islamic countries such as India with substantial Islamic populations.

"This is just a statement. It's a political statement, it's a bad statement," Tupa said.

"It seems to me needlessly slanderous of a religion," said Sen. Ken Gordon, D-Denver, who also opposed the bill.

SARS precautions surface

GILLETTE, Wyo. (AP) Health care workers at Campbell County Memorial Hospital are taking precautions against the possibility of patients infected with SARS.

"We don't want to scare anyone, but we do feel we need to protect our employees," hospital spokeswoman Karen Clarke said this week.

A patient was tested for severe acute respiratory syndrome earlier this month, but results came back negative.

Masks will be provided to patients and required if three symptoms are present: temperature greater than 100.4 degrees; respiratory illness, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; and travel within the last 10 days to Hong Kong, China, Singapore, Vietnam, Toronto or New York City.

Also, precautions will be taken with a patient who has had close contact with anyone who traveled to those areas in the last two weeks.

"Wyoming has no cases of SARS," Wyoming Department of Health spokesman Ross Doman said. "Colorado has two probable cases. Utah has one. Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota and Wyoming have zero."

Probable cases of the new respiratory illness in the United States have slowly climbed to 52, with no deaths.

More than 5,400 SARS infections have been reported in 27 countries so far - most in China - and the global death toll is at least 355. Outside Asia, Canada has seen the most cases, with 21 deaths and more than 140 cases overall.

INTERNATIONAL

Afghanistan sheltering renegades

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) Renegade groups in Iran and Pakistan are providing a lifeline to rebels who continue to menace U.S. forces in Afghanistan's lawless border regions, a top U.S. commander warned Tuesday.

Despite international efforts to choke off terrorists' funding, supporters in neighboring countries are succeeding in getting cash and weapons over Afghanistan's rugged mountains, Maj. Gen. John R. Vines told reporters.

"I think there are renegade elements in Iran who have an interest in controlling a portion of Afghanistan," Vines said. "I think there are elements in Pakistan - not the government - that have an interest in creating instability."

Vines spoke after a ceremony which for the first time brought combat operations by U.S. forces and its allies under the same command as all other coalition activities.

Vines, commander of 82nd Airborne Division forces in Afghanistan, handed control of combat missions to Lt. Gen. Dan K. McNeill, the overall commander of coalition troops in the country.

As commander in charge of the coalition combat missions over the past nine months, Vines has studied Afghanistan and its terrain. He knows well what dangers lurk in its mountains and valleys.

A firefight on Friday killed two U.S. soldiers under his command. Another two U.S. Special Forces soldiers died last month in an ambush by rebel fighters.

Vines, who is staying on as McNeill's deputy, said streamlining the command did not mean fewer combat missions. But Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said last weekend he would discuss declaring an end to Afghanistan as a combat zone with Afghan leaders and U.S. military officials.

Rumsfeld was due in the Afghan capital Kabul on Sunday, but was delayed. Currently on a trip to the Persian Gulf, he is now expected in Afghanistan later this week.

Whatever declarations are made, Vines said rebels in parts of Afghanistan would remain a serious threat.

"In certain parts, the country is stable. In other parts, it's terribly dangerous," Vines said. "That has not changed and that probably won't change in the foreseeable future."

Holdouts from the Taliban regime, fugitives from the al-Qaida terrorist network and followers of renegade rebel leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar can assemble small groups of fighters who can kill or injure coalition troops and civilians, he said.

He insisted his appraisal didn't run counter to Washington's moves toward changing the status of its Afghan mission. "It's not a disconnect at all," he said. Militants in any country may occasionally succeed in overpowering authorities in isolated cases, he said.

Terrorists' support from allies in neighboring countries was one of the major obstacles that has kept coalition forces from eliminating the rebels, he said.

The shadowy benefactors are motivated by a combination of tribalism, religious zealotry, a share of Afghanistan's lucrative opium crop and - in some cases - raw power, Vines said.

"The one thing that makes this extraordinarily complicated is all of those factors are in play here," he said.

Unfortunately for the coalition and the country's fragile interim government, if there was ever an ideal country for fomenting unrest it's Afghanistan, he said.

"If you had to design an area to support an anti-government movement, you might describe an area like this," Vines said. "Multiple borders, extreme distances, lack of road infrastructure, high mountains, weak central government, areas where there are religious or tribal (conflicts) ... it applies absolutely right here."

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Terrorist charged

BALI, Indonesia (AP) Indonesian prosecutors on Wednesday charged the first suspect in last year's terror bombings on the tourist island of Bali that killed 202 people.

The suspect, known by the single name Amrozi, is one of 29 people detained on suspicion of involvement in the Oct. 12 attack. His arrest on Nov. 5 was considered the first major break in the investigation.

Antarsari, a spokesman for the prosecution team, said Amrozi had been charged with violating recently passed anti-terror laws that carry a maximum punishment of death.

No more details of the charges were immediately available.

Men rewarded after accident

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) Two electricity company workers were awarded a total of nearly four million Australian dollars (US$2.5 million) in compensation Wednesday for receiving electric shocks on the job.

The New South Wales Supreme Court ruled in favor of Alan Milsom, 59 and Adrian Ware, 27, who sued their employer Integral Energy after they were severely burned in a work accident in March 1999.

The two men were repairing a cable when it flicked up and touched high voltage lines. Ware lost his right arm below the elbow, a finger from his left hand and suffered extensive burns to his neck, shoulder and back. His legs also were damaged. Both men require continuing care, the court was told.

Justice Jerrold Cripps awarded Ware A$2,694,00 (US$1,680,000) and his coworker Milsom A$1,035,000 (US$645,000).

Iraqis take over radio station

DOHA, Qatar (AP) Iraqi intelligence agents of Saddam Hussein's regime infiltrated the Arabic language news station Al-Jazeera television, the head of a major Iraqi opposition group claimed Tuesday.

"Al-Jazeera is completely infiltrated by Iraqi intelligence," Ahmad Chalabi, head of the Iraqi National Congress, said in an interview aired live by Abu Dhabi Television, an Al-Jazeera competitor.

"We got the information from the files of Iraqi intelligence," Chalabi added.

An employee for Al-Jazeera, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said it was unlikely that the station would respond to Chalabi's allegations, adding, "Of course what he says is not true."

Chalabi claimed the files also said Al-Jazeera wanted to buy a gift for someone who provided the station with two letters from terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden.

The allegations were broadcast shortly after Al-Jazeera reported - incorrectly - that Chalabi had been arrested by U.S. troops for embezzlement. The U.S. Central Command in Doha, Qatar, said the report was untrue.

Abu Dhabi Television said it sought the interview with Chalabi to talk about reports of his arrest. The station issued a disclaimer, saying that his views about Al-Jazeera were his own and not those of Abu Dhabi Television.

Spain condemns Castro

MADRID, Spain (AP) Spain's two chambers of Parliament passed motions Tuesday condemning Cuban President Fidel Castro's recent execution of three hijackers and crackdown on dissidents.

In the lower house, or Congreso, a ruling Popular Party motion was backed by most opposition groups, condemning the executions and the repression against dissidents and journalists. It also called on the Cuban government to respect human rights and work toward democracy.

Earlier, however, the Popular Party used its majority in the chamber to turn down an opposition party motion which, while condemning the Cuban crackdown, criticized the death penalty in all countries, in a clear reference to the United States. The motion also criticized the U.S. embargo against Cuba.

In the Senate, the majority of parties approved a motion similar to that of the Congreso and warned that unless Castro freed Cuba's prisoners of conscience the chamber would annul the Gold Medal it awarded the Cuban leader in 1997.

Cuba has been heavily criticized across the world in recent weeks for sentencing 75 dissidents to prison terms ranging from six to 28 years on charges of collaborating with U.S. diplomats to subvert the socialist system. The dissidents and diplomats deny the charges.

Raising tension even further on April 11, Cuba executed three men convicted of terrorism in the attempted hijacking of a ferry filled with passengers. No one was injured in the hijack attempt.

Panama investigates ship

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) Panamanian officials are investigating the crew of a ship on charges they threw five Dominican migrants overboard after they found them hiding among the cargo, officials said Tuesday.

The Panamanian-flagged ship, which had stopped in the Dominican Republic, was traveling to Houston several weeks ago when the crew found the five stowaways and decided to throw them into shark-infested waters, federal police official Eric Bravo said.

It was unclear why the Dominicans were forced off the ship, the "Pesca Well."

Two of the migrants are missing and presumed dead, and the body of a third was reportedly found after it had been attacked by a shark. The two remaining migrants were rescued by a passing boat, Bravo said.

The case will be investigated in Panama because the boat, originally from Taiwan, is registered in Panama, Bravo said. Many of the world's cargo ships sail under the Panamanian flag because of the country's easy registry requirements.

Members of the ship's crew are being held in the United States, but Panama expects them to arrive in Panama on Saturday to face investigators there.

Bravo added that police were working with FBI officials in the United States.

SPORTS

Men earn PAC All-Sports Award

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

As the spring sporting season ended, Westminster learned that men's varsity athletic squads cumulatively earned the President's Athletic Conference All-Sports Championship.

While the men's squad combined to earned first place, the Lady Titans earned a second place finish behind Grove City.

"It's good to see our teams capture an award like this," sophomore and former football and track participant Derek Myers said. "An award like this shows that the college is moving in a direction in which it emphasizes all sports."

En route to the championship, the Westminster men tallied 43 points, capturing titles in soccer, swimming, and golf, while finishing second in football and baseball. Grove City (39 points), Washington & Jefferson (37.5),Thiel (35), Waynesburg (23.5) and Bethany (20) trailed Westminster in respective order.

In their first season of PAC eligibility, the Titans snapped Grove City's streak of five consecutive PAC All-Sports championships.

"We did what we could throughout our season to capture a PAC title," freshman golfer John Matune, a first-team All-PAC performer said. "It's nice though that we were able to contribute to an overall effort."

As the men stopped Grove City from earning a six-peat, the women were unable to dethrone the Lady Wolverines, who posted their third consecutive All-PAC crown.

Grove City tallied 47 points, narrowly followed by the Lady Titans (44.5 points), Bethany (26), Washington & Jefferson (24), Thiel (23) and Waynesburg (14.5).

"I think the overall PAC standing reflect the type of season our softball team had," sophomore centerfielder Lauren Boris said. "We're young and sometimes the ball doesn't bounce your way. Experience will be a huge asset next season."

In the first season of PAC eligibility, all Titan squads fared well. As the men's teams assume the role as defending champion in the fall, they will enter competition with a bullseye on their chest.

On the other hand, the Lady Titans will be driven by the fact that they almost captured the crown this season.

Overall, as competition resumes in late August and early September, Westminster athletics will continue to fight to assert itself as a dominant competitor in the PAC.

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Women's Softball Improves

The Westminster College softball team saw its 2003 record improved to 17-20-1 overall today in Altoona, Pa., as the Lady Titans swept a non-conference doubleheader at Penn State-Altoona. Westminster won the opener 5-4, then completed the sweep with a 16-7 decision in game two. The second game was called after five innings due to the "eight run" rule.

Game one saw PS-A lead 2-1 after two innings, only to see Westminster take a 3-2 lead in the fifth. After the Lady Titans built the lead to 5-2 in the top of the seventh, Altoona scored twice in the bottom of the frame to cut the lead to one, but would get no closer. Senior Darcy Sutton (Pittsburgh/Fox Chapel H.S.) improved to 11-10 with the pitching win, allowing four runs on seven hits with four walks and three strikeouts. She also helped her own cause at the plate by going 2-for-3 with an RBI. Junior third baseman Julie Zappa (Pittsburgh/Shaler H.S.) was 2-for-4 with a pair of RBIs in the win.

The nightcap saw Westminster break open a close 7-5 game after four innings with a nine-run fifth to put the game away. Freshman Danielle Kepics (Canfield, OH/Cardinal Mooney H.S.) earned the pitching win for Westminster, improving to 5-8 after allowing five runs on six hits with a pair of strikeouts in four innings. Classmate Katie Parfitt (Roulette/Port Allegany H.S.) pitched the final frame to complete the victory. The Lady Titan offense pounded out 14 hits, led by senior shortstop Laura Raible (Gibsonia/Pine-Richland H.S.), who was 3-for-4 with a double, three runs scored and three RBIs. Sophomores Lauren Boris (Gibsonia/North Allegheny H.S.) and Heidi Kimmel (Poland, OH/Poland Seminary H.S.) each went 3-for-5, with Boris scoring three times and Kimmel posting a double, two runs scored and three RBIs.

Westminster softball will close the 2003 season at home on Saturday, May 3, as the Lady Titans host Carnegie Mellon University in a non-conference doubleheader at 1 p.m.

Men's Golf Rolls to Three Tournament Titles

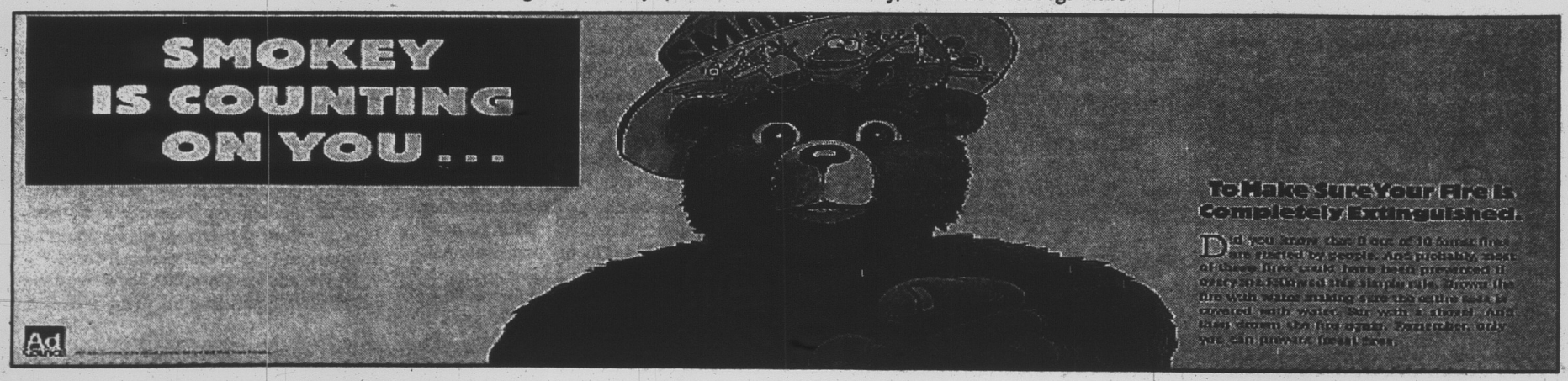
The Westminster College men's golf team concluded the 2003 season with a stellar week, capturing three straight invitational titles, including the 2003 PAC Championships.

The week began on Monday, as the Titans captured the team title at the eight-team Grove City College Invitational, held at Grove City Country Club in Grove City, Pa. The Titan linksters fired a four-man total of 315 to edge the host Wolverines (316) and Carnegie Mellon (318). Leading the way for the Titans was freshman John Matune (Hermitage/Kennedy Catholic H.S.), who placed in a tie for third overall with a team-low score ot 39-38-77. Joining Matune in the Top 10 was sophomore Scott Voelker (Washington/McGuffey H.S.), who tied for sixth with 41-37-78; and senior Drew Aufderheide (Wexford/North Allegheny H.S.), who tied for eighth with 39-40-79. Other Titan scores included freshman Scott Thomas (Twinsburg, OH/Twinsburg H.S.) with 43-38-81, and freshman Matt Kurtz (DuBois/DuBois H.S.) with 41-42-83.

The Titans also fielded a "B" team at Grove City, firing a four-person total of 328, which topped the "A" team scores from five schools. Individual scores included junior Kevin McCreary (Grove City/Grove City H.S.) with 40-40-80; senior Dave Blazek (Bridgeville/Bethel Park H.S.) with 40-42-82; freshman Gary McGovern (Pittsburgh/Mt. Lebanon H.S.) with 42-41-83; and sophomore Dan Wellman (New Castle/Union H.S.) with 43-41-84.

On Friday, Westminster College men's golf team captured the team championship at the two-day, 36-hole 2003 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Golf Championships, taking place at Oglebay Golf Course in Wheeling, W.Va. Westminster, in its first year of PAC membership, fired a four-man total of 315-306-621 to defeat defending PAC champion Washington & Jefferson College (321-325-646) by 25 strokes. Other teams competing included Grove City College (326-327-653), Waynesburg College (339-336-675), and Thiel College (349-360-709). After leading his team to the title, Westminster head coach Gene Nicholson was named 2003 PAC Men's Golf Coach of the Year. The individual medalist was Grove City freshman Justin Tulk with a 72-78-150.

The Titan linksters placed four golfers among the top 10 on the PAC individual leaderboard, which resulted in all-conference honors. Three Westminster golfers were named to the All-PAC First Team, led by Matune, who led Westminster and finished second overall with a two-day total of 76-77-153. He was joined on the All-PAC First Team by Kurtz, who placed third with 78-76-154; and Voelker, who tied for fourth after scoring 79-76-155 overall with a 50, while junior McKenzie Crowell (Leetonia, OH/Crestview H.S.) and freshman Kayla Purs.



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OPINION

Rant and Rave

So they stop serving good food at the end of the semester! Give us CHICKEN TENDERS!

A Phi O pledges rock!

Yesterday I looked like an electrocuted fairy!

Are you sitting in your corn field in Nebraska?

Is it wrong to pay for meals with cash? I have no more meals AHHHHHH!

Yay seniors!

Well, he took Excedrin... And now he's dead.

Hey, are we allowed to use the Rant and Rave column for personal ads?! :)

No.

Doesn't Rick Santorum have a right to freedom of speech too?

I can't find the meaning of life after visitation hours.

Is it warm enough for me to go to class naked?

We are having finals next week! I thought class just started!

We do what we do because of who we are. If we did otherwise we would not be ourselves.

I don't wanna grow up. Please don't make me.

Capstone is my hell.

A big thanks to Residence Life for blasting music so loud at the luau, I had to leave my own room to do work. Aren't they the ones who are supposed to respect our need for quiet study time???

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: HO LCAD

Ho lcad...whoops! What a way to start the year-three days late and one space too many. We have come now to the end of the semester, the end of the school year, and like all things in life we have come full circle, and yet it all goes on. This year, like all years, has seen its fair share of turmoil, scandal, and joy: personal, political, or otherwise.

School life is such an odd thing. You are thrown into an environment for over half the year, then just when you are settled and in a groove, you get kicked out and sent back to wherever you came from.

You leave one home for another and every homecoming is prefaced and post scripted with stress and changes-final classes, final papers, tests, packing, goodbyes, then the long drive home (its always long even if you commute). Then at home you start all over with the unpacking and the old friends and summer jobs.

You find that things have changed while you were away too, but then again you have changed as well. The lucky ones can pick right back up where they left off, they catch up in one day and start fresh.

Others can find new friends in old places they never looked. But no matter the situation, no matter the number of friends, we all count the days till our return to school (either out of dread or desire). We live from part time jobs and weekends to parties and holidays, until the summer hits its high point and again we are packing and ready to come home, another home, and start all over again.

Look back on the year, laugh at your mistakes and laugh at your triumphs too.

And things change.

Some of us do not come back. Some of us graduate (after four, or five, or more years), but that does not make their lives much different. While students come back and start all over, graduates will move on and become freshmen again-first year students in life so to speak.

Where does it all go, what is it all driving toward? No one can say really. Maybe back to the beginning, with an ext ra space, maybe somewhere new.

The one certainty is change. Embrace it and look forward to it, for though the wheel may turn, though things and people may change, the one thing we can hold on to our the memories you make and the times you share.

Look back on the year, laugh at your mistakes and laugh at your triumphs too. Look back and laugh and look forward to what may come.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As the end of the semester is here and I'm getting ready to go back home to Germany, I wanted to take the chance to say something to my friends.

From all experiences I've made here in America, the most important experience was meeting all of you. Maybe I only knew you on a superficial basis. In that case, you will probably remember me only as the german girl with the blue eyes. Maybe you will recall that I always loved eating. And smiling. Or you will forget me soon after I'm gone. But some of you I've really gotten to know and to love, you are true friends.

As I know from former travels, my whole life here, everything that right now seems so real, will soon seem so far away. I will look at my pictures ever so often with a smile, remembering everything I did while I was here, the friends I've made and the challenges I had to deal with. I will still miss you, but I will meet my friends and family back home, I will jump into my german life again, and it will seem odd to me that I have really been away for such a long time, since everything is still the way it used to be back home.

But what matters is that I am not the same anymore. My time here in America, living here with you, getting to know you and sharing memories with you changed me - you changed me. And this is why I will never forget you. In the process of my learning, growing up and becoming the person I am today, you played a role. You touched my life. And that makes you a part of me.

Sometimes it is hard to travel, to wear these "shoes with the wings" that make you want to go everywhere, because it always involves the sad part when you have to say goodbye to something that has been your life for a while.

But my friends will be more than memories for me. I truly believe that it is possible for people to touch your life only for a short time, but in a way that will last forever.

Sabrina Karges

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Send us your letters!

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Jimm at the Movies

The Italian Job and Spun

by Jimm Needle
Movie Reviewer

The Italian Job

The Italian Job does not hit theatres until May 30th but Paramount studios conducted an early screening of the film in order to create an early buzz so that it might fair better when it is up against the summer blockbusters. The Italian Job is yet another heist film, but the gimmick this time is the vehicle in which the heist takes place.

The vehicle of choice for the Italian job is the Mini Cooper. The plot of the film revolves around a group of characters who are determined to avenge the death of a partner by reclaiming $30 million worth of gold stolen from them (even though they originally stole it themselves). The movie star's Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron, and Edward Norton.

If and only if you are a fan of one of the stars would I recommend seeing this film, preferably on video. This film can easily be summed up in four words: Ocean's Eleven on wheels. The characters are underdeveloped and the story is paper thin.

The actors didn't even look like they were having a good time. Edward Norton has stated that his participation in this film was a result of contractual obligation, not choice. If the people who got paid to be in the film didn't want to be there, then why should the audience who has to pay money to experience the film want to be there?

Italian Job: The actors didn't even look like they were having a good time.

Spun: Spun's plot may be lacking but the film shines as the audience gets inside the minds of the characters

Spun

Director Jonas Åkerlund has scored major successes through music videos for Madonna. Moby, and Smashing Pumpkins. In his first full-length film Spun, he tries to replicate some of the awkward and intense imagery that brought him success in the music video realm.

Spun follows the actions of several drug addicts and one curious drug chemist over a three day period. During that time each character has their own little adventure that showcases the horrors of being an addict. The story of Spun is fairly simple: you get addicted to drugs; you're life gets messed up cause of drugs. I believe Spun accomplishes what it wants to.

Spun isn't a revolutionary film, but it still does a good job of demonstrating the reality of a life on drugs. Spun can be compared to two superior films Requiem for a Dream and Trainspotting. Spun is less shocking then Requiem and also less realistic then Trainspotting.

Spun's major strength is it's characters. Jason Schwartzman, John Leguizamo, Brittany Murphy, and Mickey Rourke are Spun's ridiculous cast who fall from pit to pit never learning from their mistakes. Spun's plot may be lacking but the film shines as the audience gets inside the minds of the characters and understands what makes then susceptible to addiction.

Ready for a ride?

by Jillian Jordan
A&E Editor

One thing that most of us look forward to as the school months begin to wind down is the opening of outdoor amusement parks.

The smell of funnel cakes and cotton candy, the childlike sounds of merry-go-round music, the cool satisfaction of eating dip n' dot ice cream or getting soaked on the newest water ride, and the ecstatic screams and giggles echoing throughout the air combine to provide the enthusiastic park goer with the ultimate atmosphere for fun.

While I was at home just last weekend, I was paging through the mail as I came across a colorful advertisement for Kennywood, Idlewild, and Sandcastle containing the important updates for this year's summer season.

Just when we thought Kennywood couldn't get any bigger, a new thematic section is being added to its already fulfilling environment. The rest rooms next to Noah's Ark have disappeared and in their place Volcano Valley has erupted, forming an experience as close to a day on a deserted island in Pittsburgh as possible. King Kahuna, Pirate, and Volcano are the three rides set to start off this exciting new area.

However, don't make a trip to Kennywood only to check out the new stuff because timeless traditions such as Lost Kennywood, its many water rides, and famous roller coasters will keep you busy the whole day through.

Having opened last Saturday on a weekend-only basis until Labor Day, these next few weekends may be a great time to hit the park before the crowds flood in along with the unbearably hot weather.

For those of you water park fans that are satisfied enough with Kennywood's scattered attempts to cool you down, head over to the water-lover's paradise, better known as Sandcastle. With treacherous slides over, under, and around your eyesight, you'll feel as if you, yourself are a water tube.

The new Blue Tubaluba allows the rider to experience the thrill of cascading through the water right alongside a friend. The dual-rider tubes will allow two people to travel the H2O slopes as a pair, making for double the fun.

On Saturday, June the 7th, Sandcastle will open it's gates for the summer, handing each park-goer the opportunity to try out their newest attraction, the Blue Tubaluba. Not a big fan of the slides? Sandcastle's wavepool is just one more reason to head down and check out the best of its kind in the area.

So, you've got a little sibling who you'd love to take on the Thunderbolt or Jack Rabbit, but they don't quite meet the height requirements? Or maybe that significant other of yours is too afraid to hop on any rides that move in a motion straying from the classic train ride in Kiddie Land? Why not make a trip to Idlewild where acting like a kid never seems to get too old for your age?

On Thursday, May 29th, the family-geared park will open, recognizing the Rollo Coaster (quite possibly the smallest coaster on the planet) for its accomplishment of becoming a senior citizen. Jumpin' Jungle, Hootin' Holler, and Storybook Forest are just some of the fun-filled areas of the park that you and your friends will find engaging entertainment; no matter the fact that, yes, we are college students.

Also check out Cedar Point, Six Flags, or Busch Gardens if you don't mind a little drive with the windows down. Whatever you decide to do this summer, stay safe and try to keep your mind off the work awaiting you in the fall!

Flaming Lips rock the 'burgh

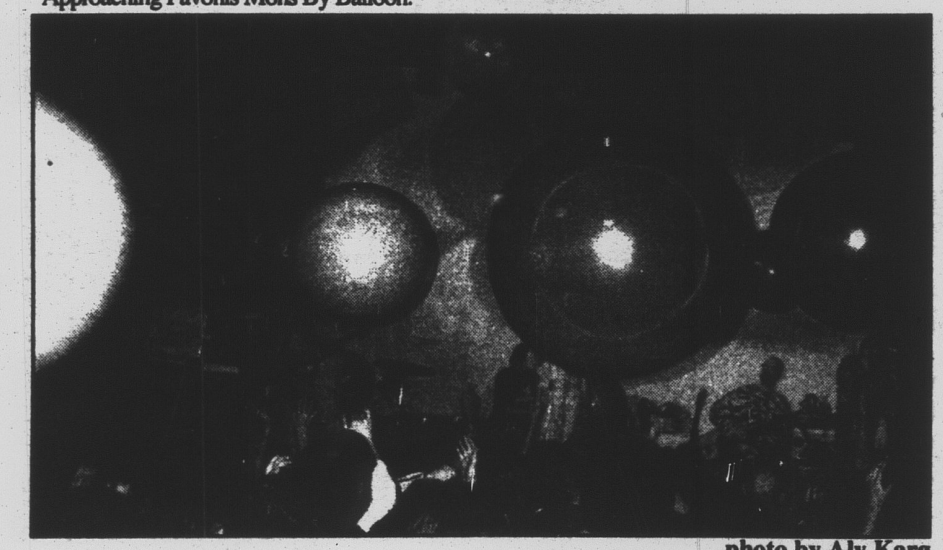
by Jimm Needle
Music Reviewer

What do fake blood, huge balloons, elephant costumes, plastic robots, Santa Claus, confetti, and Japanese schoolgirls all have in common? They are all things likely to be seen at a Flaming Lips concert, of course. On Sunday April 27th, I was lucky enough to experience a Flaming Lips concert at Metropol in Pittsburgh.

The Flaming Lips have been around forever, yet they are relatively unknown to the general public. Their last album, Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots, brought in some of the best reviews of their career and is also my personal favorite. The album won a Grammy for best instrumental rock performance for the song, "Approaching Pavonis Mons By Balloon."

On Sunday night the Flaming Lips' set was dominated by tracks from Yoshimi much to the crowds approval. A Flaming Lips concert is basically Pee Wee's Playhouse with the accompaniment of great music, so it's no surprise that die-hard fans experience the show dressed as anything from tigers to zebras as members of the band shower the crowd in confetti and bubbles. To the Dave Matthew's Band concert enthusiast this might seem a little weird, but that's only because this fun-house-like atmosphere is anything but normal.

Although it may be strange, the main theme of the concert is to relax, leave your troubled life at home, and have a good time. I think it is safe to say that everyone who experienced the Flaming Lips that night, aside from your typical claustrophobe, had a pretty awesome time.



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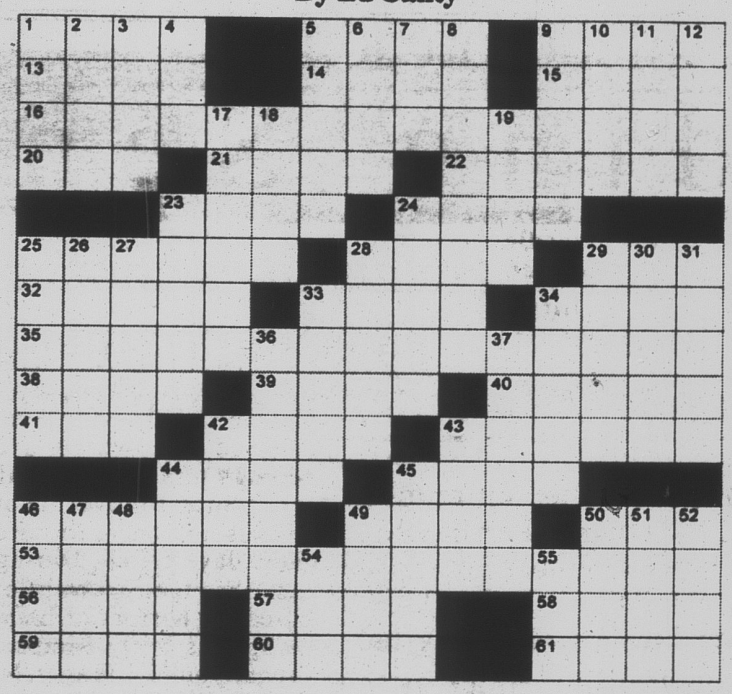
Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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49 FBI agent
50 Marching pipe
51 Missile
52 Succulent plant
54 Obit word
55 Computer memory unit

Quotable Quote

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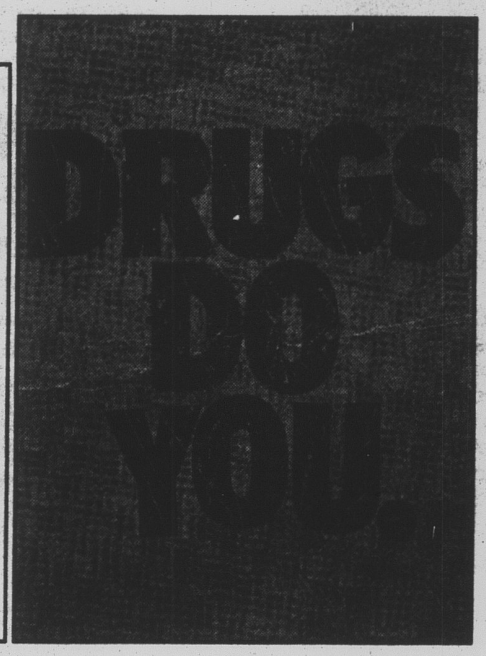


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Pay attention to your home life during the week. Certain family members need your input. Take the time to express your support and positive feelings - it will do wonders. Stay on an even keel where food and drink are concerned and exercise more.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Time spent alone this week will be time well spent. There is an inner strength that you need to rediscover in order to be the best that you can possibly be. Learn to acceptance that which you will never be able to change, it will save you lots of energy.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
It will be easy to find fault with yourself if you rush into a situation with more energy than information. Others around you may seem like a threat, but generosity and helpfulness will maneuver you through any rough spots. It's time to overcome your fear of insecurity.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Good news about money will arrive this week, and just in time. Make the most of this financial situation, trying to invest as much as possible. A mate or child is in an argumentative mood, and seems to enjoy the conflict - cooperate when there is an open line of communication.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
You have a great deal to think about during the week, and may want to take time out to do so. Don't ignore what may seem like pesky symptoms, your body may be trying to tell you something. It's time to start following that dream you've had for some time now.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
You have lots of love to give to those outside your personal relationships - try to spend time with others who have no one. There may be a treasure waiting for you in a place that you least expect. Hard work will bring much satisfaction, and will benefit by helping others.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Relationship issues are at the top of your list this week, and it is all good news. Whatever obstacles have kept you from any commitment or marriage have now been overcome, and love is in the air. Looking at the past may bring about some bittersweet memories.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Learning something new during the week will install a joy and confidence that you should share with friends and loved ones. This may be a great time to plan a vacation which is long overdue. You seem to be approaching some type of success, beware of difficulties involved.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
If you are in a rut, do something about it and stop whining! Any solutions to this problem will probably not be solved quickly, but you can move onto something else until the solution becomes apparent. True words of love will make the evenings sweet.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Moderation is the keyword for this week. Moderation will be a helpful guideline as the temptation to engage in extremes is present. Don't spread your plans and ideas all over the place, you are better off keeping them to yourself for the time being. Self-indulge.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
You may need to make some financial sacrifices this week in order to pay off some health bills. If you work at it, these can probably be paid off with little delay. This whole situation may bring back memories of not having enough to get by - remember, they are memories.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
If you are not giving from your heart, it is probably best to not bother. You may have to compromise when it comes to employment. Remember that prosperity is where you find it. Always keep your eye open for that perfect position, work towards your highest potential.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This should be a lively time for you in terms of business, career and moneymaking activities. Your income and earnings will increase slightly with potential for a much greater profit. Friction may arise within a romantic relationship.

FEATURE

The Holcad presents...

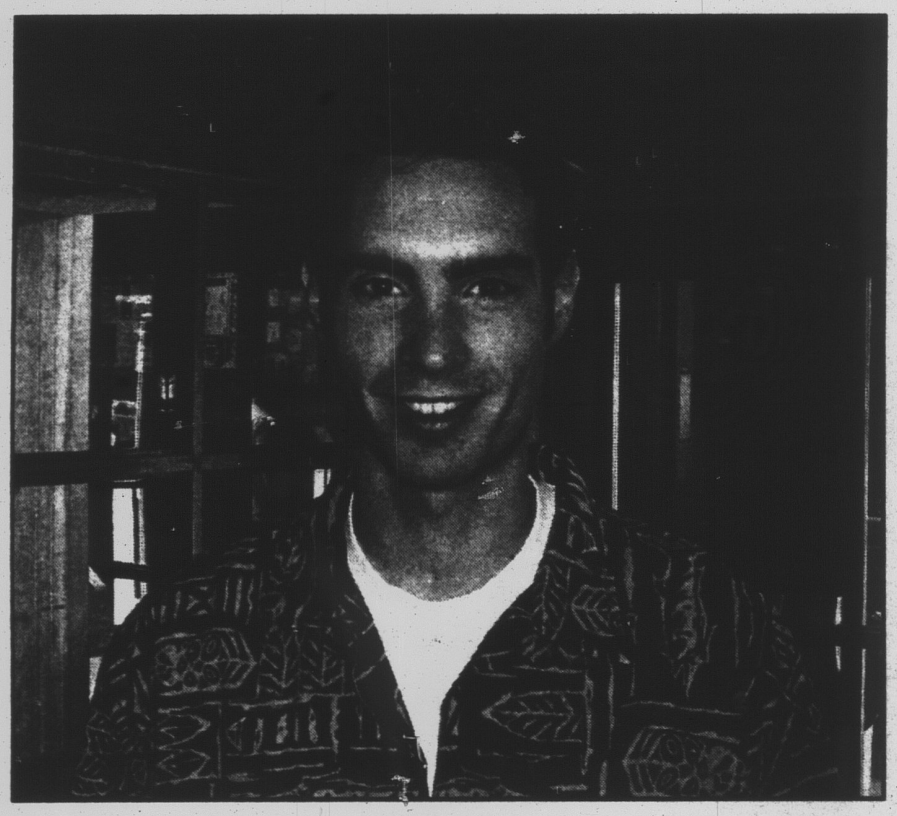
Outstanding Seniors

The Holcad recognizes that all of our graduating seniors are exceptional, but this issue has chosen to highlight a handful of remarkable seniors representing a variety of academic departments.

Names nominated by Department Chairs

Crystal Marie Brian

Nicknames: Sometimes my parents call me "little crystal" when I am asking for money. I was more financially independent when i was sixteen than I am now. Other than that, I don't have any nick names...
Age: 21
Natural Hair Color: Brown, my blonde highlights are fake
Major: history and sociology
Favorite WC Class: Any history class, if I have to pick...Latin American History with Dr. Sharkey
Hometown: Pitcairn, PA
Favorite Dorm: It's between the bats in hillside and the plywood walls in Galbreath
WC Teacher You Look Up to the Most: Dr. Park
Favorite TV Show: West Wing or CSI, but I don't watch either one very much at school.
Foreign Countries You've Visited: Italy...and England, but only while on en route to Italy
Favorite Record Label: My roommate's cd burner
Have you ever been mentioned in the Holcad before: I don't think so, but I don't really remember
Favorite Poster Hanging on Your Wall: Frank Sinatra



Robert Brian Zarecky

Age: 22
Natural Hair Color: brown
Major: Psychology
Favorite WC Class: Political Psychology because it combined my two fields of study
Hometown: South Park, PA
Favorite Dorm: Browne, because that's where my girlfriend lives
WC Teacher You Look Up to the Most: I'd have to say both Dr. Gray and Dr. Grove. I feel that I have learned much from both of them, and not just from within the classroom.
Favorite TV Show: The Simpsons
Foreign Countries You've Visited: Unless you consider Canada a foreign country, then no
Favorite Record Label: Electra Records because my favorite band, Metallica, belongs to that label
Have you ever been mentioned in the Holcad before: I've been in the Holcad a couple of times, but it was only because someone inter viewed me for their article
Favorite Poster Hanging on Your Wall: My Simpsons poster with all the characters saying their favorite quotes.

Jennifer Marie Lewis

Nicknames: Jen
Age: 21
Natural Hair Color: dark brown
Major: Biology and Molecular Biology
Favorite WC Class: Electron Microscopy
Hometown: Youngstown, OH
Favorite Dorm: Hillside
WC Teacher You Look Up to the Most: Dr. John Robertson
Favorite TV Show: CSI
Any Foreign Countries You've Visited: none
Have you ever been mentioned in the Holcad before?
yes, but I can't remember what for
Favorite Poster Hanging on Your Wall: red-eye tree frog

Jody Lynn Miron

Nicknames: None
Age: 21
Natural Hair Color: Blonde
Major: Public Relations and Speech Communications
Favorite WC Class: Organizational Communication
Hometown: New Castle
Favorite Dorm: Browne
WC Teacher You Look Up to the Most: I've had a lot of really great professors. It wouldn't be fair to name just one.
Favorite TV Show: Everybody Loves Raymond
Foreign Countries You've Visited: Unfortunately, the only country I've visited is Canada.
Favorite Record Label: I don't really have a favorite
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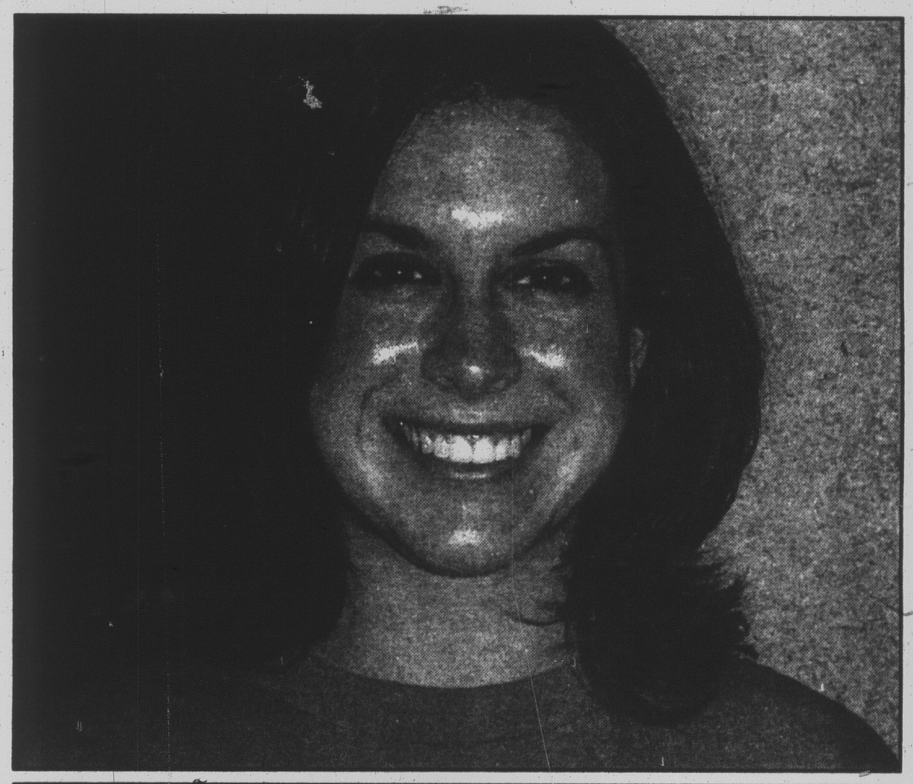
Favorite Poster Hanging on Your Wall: Monet poster



Katrina Marie Kayden

Nicknames: Kat
Age: 22
Natural Hair Color: Light Brown
Major: Theatre—that's why I'm going to law school
Favorite WC Class: Advanced Acting and Political Psych
Hometown: Northern Cambria, PA
Favorite Dorm: Hillside
WC Teacher You Look Up to the Most: Eileen Hendrickson
Favorite TV Show: Will and Grace
Foreign Countries You've Visited: England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales
Favorite Record Label: don't really have one
Have you ever been mentioned in the Holcad before?
Yes, in articles regarding upcoming shows in Beeghly and for Alpha Psi Omega Theatre Honorary.
Favorite Poster Hanging on Your Wall: Brad Pitt in Legends of the Fall

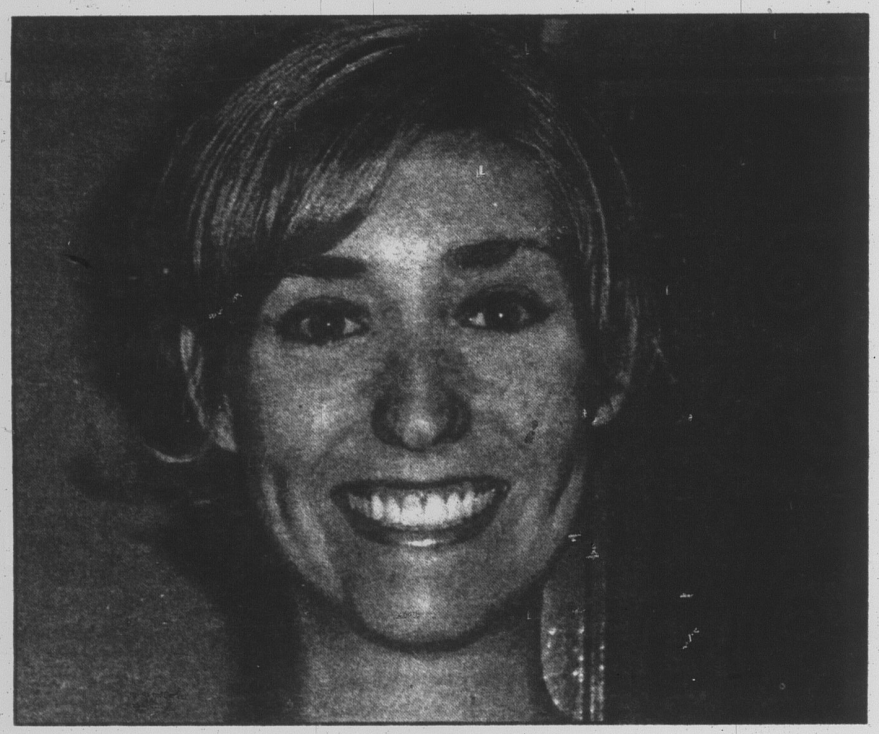
Kathy Leigh Shelenberger

Age:22
Natural Hair Color: Brown
Major: Elementary Education
Favorite WC Class: Principles of Sociology or Juvenile Delinquency Cluster with Children's Literature
Hometown: New Wilmington
Favorite Dorm: G-BREATH!!!!!!
WC Teacher You Look Up to the Most: Dr. Kristin Park
Favorite TV Show: Survivor
Any Foreign Countries You've Visited: Only Canada
Have you ever been mentioned in the Holcad before: Yes, I wrote a letter to the editor last year about the theme halls in Galbreath after a misinforming editorial
Favorite Poster Hanging on Your Wall: Poster with encouraging notes from fellow camp counselors

Holcad Seniors

Elizabeth Jean-Louise Adams
(SENIOR STAFF WRITER)

Nicknames: Biz, a.k.a. The Biz
Age: 22
Natural Hair Color: See picture
Major: English, Writing minor
Favorite WC Class: Poetry Workshop with Dr. Swerdlow, The Family with Dr. Sprow, Pickleball with Coach Haas and Lee.
Hometown: Portersville, PA
Favorite Dorm: I lived on the third floor of Galbreath in the corner room for two years with Ericka Peterson, and it was rad. Shaw 2 South also rocked.
WC Teacher You Look Up to the Most: Dr. Swerdlow.
Favorite TV Show: The Lee Fetters Show and ER.
Foreign Countries You've Visited: Hawai'i.
Favorite Record Label: I know Hawai'i isn't a foreign country. But I did go to Florida last year.
Have you ever been mentioned in the Holcad before: Instead of answering this question, I'd like to give a shout out to the Brown House: Katie, Molly, and Longtoe. Thanks.
Favorite Poster Hanging on Your Wall: I have an 8x10 glossy of Suzanne Leyden's dad, courtesy of E. Peterson.



Nikki Alyssa Pencak
(STAFF WRITER)

Nicknames: Schnix, Gink, Future Queen of Canada
Age: 23
Natural Hair Color: Brown
Major: English
Favorite WC Class: Tie between creative non-fiction and narrative. (Yeah, Dr. Swerdlow and Dr. Wastvedt)
Favorite Dorm: Browne - It's good for anti-social English majors, and it's a shorter walk than Hillside.
WC Teacher You Look Up to the Most: Dr. Swerdlow
Favorite TV Show: Barney Miller (close second - Walker, Texas Ranger)
Any Foreign Countries You've Visited: Yes, several, but all pale in comparison to O' Canada.
Favorite Poster Hanging on Your Wall: I still haven't unpacked my suitcase; so, I never really got around to hanging up posters.

Ann-Marie Vazzano
(COPY EDITOR)

Nicknames: Ree
Age: 22
Natural Hair Color: Something somewhere between blond and black
Major: English
Favorite WC Class: America in the 1960s with Dr. Twining
Hometown: North Canton, Ohio
Favorite Dorm: Hillside
WC Teacher You Look Up to the Most: Dr. Swerdlow
Favorite TV Show: Late Night with Conan O'Brien, and re-runs of M*A*S*H
Favorite Record Label: Matador, a New York based indie label
Favorite Poster Hanging on Your Wall: An original 1966 Bob Dylan poster by artist, Milton Glaser

The Holcad Congratulates the Class of 2003

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At the Down Under

Friday

Spring Gala

Chestnut Street Cafe
Buses leave Old 77 at 9:00 pm
$5 with WC ID; $7 otherwise

JT's Cafe

10:00 pm to 2:00 am
Free Popcorn and Pop

Saturday

VolleyRock

Games begin at 9:00 am
Wings served at 4:00 pm
BRING YOUR TITAN CARD

Student Film Festival
7:30 pm

Weekly Events:

Late Night

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays
10:00 pm - 1:00 am

Free Popcorn and Pop

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 2
11:40 a.m.Chapel
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster:
The Importance of Being Earnest - Beeghly Theater
7:30 p.m. Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band Concert
- Orr AuditoriumSpring Gala All-Campus Semi-Formal
- Chestnut Street Cafe (Sharon)
Buses Leave Campus at 9:00 p.m. and Return Around 1:30 a.m.
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Cafe - Down Under

SATURDAY 3
VOLLEY ROCK
11:00 a.m. M&W Track & Field @ Grove City Invitational
7:00 p.m. Mass
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: The Importance of Being Earnest - Beeghly Theater
7:30 p.m. Jazz Ensemble Concert - Anderson Amphitheater
Rain Location: Orr Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Broadcast Communications Captstone:
Student Film Festival - Down Under

SUNDAY 4
Green Party Trip to Kent State University
2:00 p.m. Chapel Drama - Chapel
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Chapel Drama
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 5
11:40 a.m. Chapel
2:00 p.m. Broadcast Communications Capstone Presentation
- Phillips Lecture Hall
5:15 p.m. Panhel Greek Organizations' Meetings
9:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Activation - Chapel
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Late Night - Down Under

TUESDAY 6
FRIDAY CLASSES MEET
5:00 p.m. Political Science/Sociology Cookout at Dr. Tomlinson's Home
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Late Night - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 7
READING DAY
9:00 a.m. Faculty Meeting - Beeghly Theater
Noon - 4:00 p.m. Stress Reduction Day - Student Health Center
Noon Employee Recognition Luncheon - Russell Dining Room
4:30 p.m. Children's Literature Group End-of-Year Event - Location TBA
9:00 p.m. Movie: Old School - Down Under

THURSDAY 8
FINAL EXAMS
11:00 a.m. Support Staff Meeting - Location TBA
9:00 p.m. Cram Jam - Duff Dining Hall

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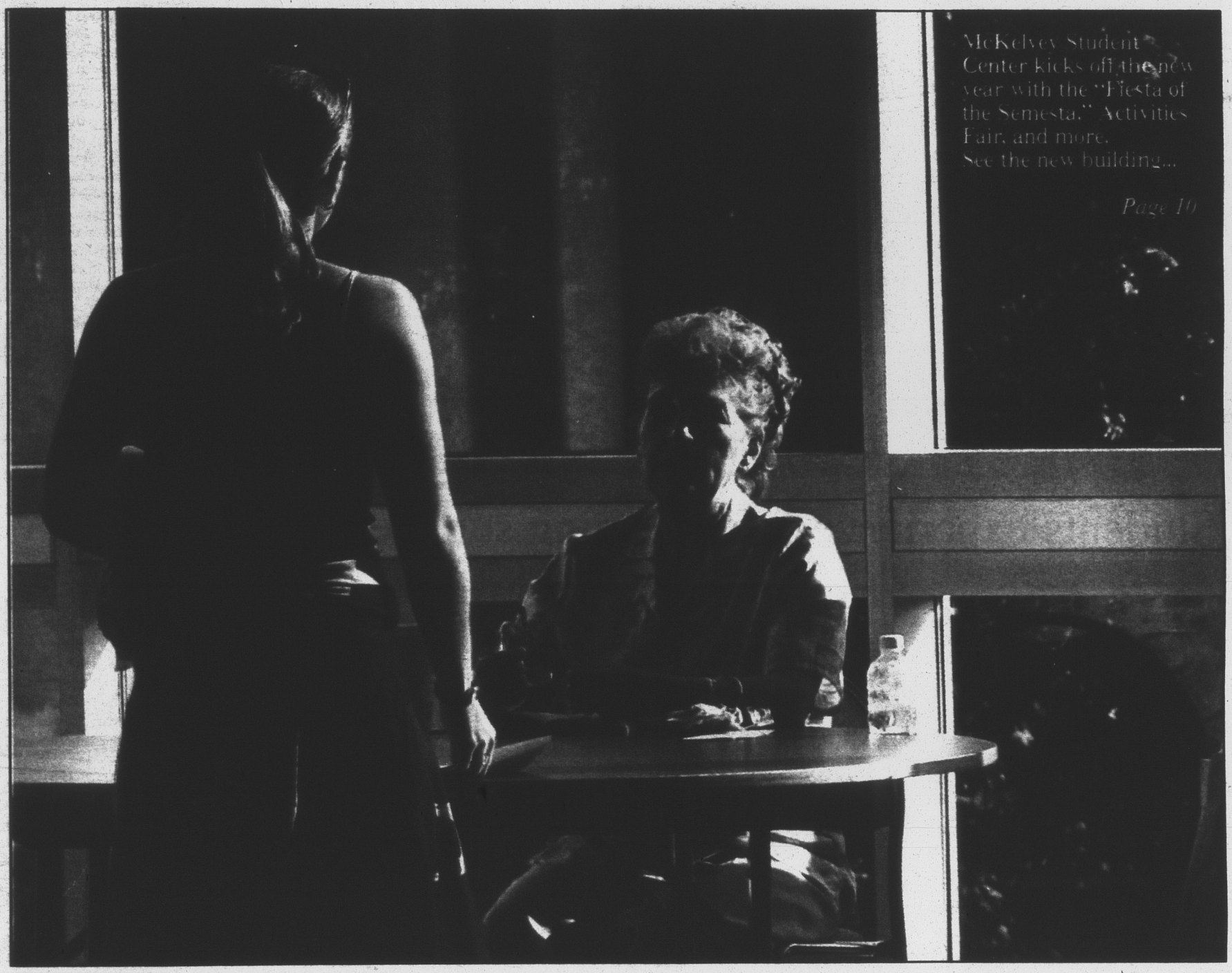

McKelvey Student Center kicks off the new year with the "Fiesta of the Semesta," Activities Fair, and more. See the new building...

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CAMPUS NEWS

Dr. Eugene Sharkey remembered

by Drew Huston
Staff Writer

The Westminster Community suffered a great loss on July 10, 2003. This summer, Dr. Eugene Guiness Sharkey, a professor of history, passed away, leaving many in the campus community shocked and saddened by the loss of one of the great professors of this institution.

Many students may have recognized Dr. Sharkey as he walked through the hallway of the first floor of Patterson, usually a small smile on his lips, which were crowned by an immaculately-kept mustache. He would walk to work on several occasions, and would sometimes voice his own opinion on the parking situation here at Westminster, as many students do even now.

He was an outspoken man, though his voice was quiet and calm. He was not afraid to speak his mind on many topics, and would often discuss his feelings on politics and war in class.

"The way war is fought now is just repugnant. There's no honor, there's no glory," he had said to a class once. "There is only 'press a button and go home to my video games.'"

His sense of humor was one of the most unforgettable and endearing things about him. He loved to make wisecracks at the most amazing moments.

"One day in class, he just walked over to a window and said he was Batman," said Tom Oyer, a junior sociology major. "He said that when he wasn't looking for the Bat-Signal in the sky, he was at Westminster, teaching history students."

Dr. Sharkey was also a naval history buff and a self-proclaimed "Anglophile." He admired the former British Empire and the "Pax Britannia" period in the 19th century. Dr. Sharkey would immerse himself into the classes he taught, which included Popular Culture and Latin American History, two subjects for which he had a particular passion.

Dr. Sharkey earned many awards

throughout a very distinguished career in his field. In 1990, Dr. Sharkey was awarded the Distinguished Faculty Award from his fellow professors here at Westminster. His love of teaching and promoting knowledge, not to mention the joy he received out of helping students learn, all contributed toward his earning that honor, the first of its kind in Westminster history.

Dr. Sharkey was not only a professor, but he was also a friend. He always took the time to exchange a greeting, and possibly talk about current events at the college or some political news item of the day. He gave students a feeling they had a strong connection with him, even if they had only shared one class. He was a brilliant historian, a gentleman in an age that has forgotten gentlemen, a diligent and tireless worker for anything he had a passion for, a decent and fair person and someone many are proud to call a friend.

The faculty honored his passing with a beautifully-written Memorial Minute, authored by Dr. Richard Sprow and Dr. David Twining. "Gene was completely dedicated to the success of his students," the memorial reads. "He would commit extra advising time to help a student complete the requirements for his or her capstone course, or sit for an hour with a first-year student who had little knowledge of history and try to explain historical processes."

Dr. Sharkey was a remarkable man. "Outside of the classroom, Gene spent much of his time caring for animals. He took in stray animals or animals others did not want, and was a strong advocate of animal rights," say Dr. Sprow and Dr. Twining.

That was the kind of man Dr. Sharkey was - always giving everybody a chance, always caring. That is how he was, and that is how he should, and will, be remembered by generations. s. Westminster students and faculty.

Computer glitches frustrate students on and off campus

by Jill Sanker
Staff Writer

Now that classes have resumed and assignments and papers have begun pouring in, many students are experiencing problems with their computers.

Since the start of the fall semester two weeks ago, numerous students have complained about the dial-up system. In lieu of students' questions, an e-mail was sent by Paul Wallace, director of Information Systems, to the campus explaining both the short and long-term status of this dial-up system.

He explained that these functions will be moved to another server as soon as time permits in order to restore dial-up capabilities for the time being.

This explanation offers some sort of reassurance to the campus community. However, the information in response to questions about long-term status is somewhat less than reassuring.

According to Wallace's e-mail, the system will not be upgraded. The school will not repair the system if there is any type of additional cost or if the repair requires much time and maintenance.

All of this information pertains to students living on campus, but numerous commuters and students living in apartments or fraternity houses have been experiencing problems as well.

Students have been asked to find ISPs who can provide Internet access to them if they want remote connections to college network services.

When approached about the issue, many students showed concern about the money they pay to attend a school with an unreliable Internet system.

"We pay all this money...they [the college] stated that we are such a wired college that there would be no problem having the Internet for four years, so I bought a laptop specially from the school," said senior Megan McFetridge.

"But now that I am living off-campus in an apartment, it seems as though the college no longer cares anymore. And now I have to pay extra, on top of all the payments I make to live off-campus, for a dial-up for my computer."

Information Systems employee Stanton Fleming has been quite cooperative in helping the student body understand the problems that have been occurring with the Internet and dial-up systems. He has taken the time to send e-mails to answer any questions asked by frustrated students.

Although to the student body, these problems have caused much hassle and unnecessary anxiety, for now students can only continue to wait and hope that these numerous glitches in the system are able to be fixed in the future.

Students experience life-changing summers

by Elizabeth Grepp
Staff Writer

Boring is definitely not an adjective Nicole Kress, Rachael Mellor or Devi Wintrode would use to describe their summers. Each of these students had out of the ordinary experiences this summer that will not be soon be forgotten.

Sophomore public relations major Nicole Kress spent her summer traveling cross-country. She was a counselor at a group work camp. There are 68 work camps throughout the nation including Alaska and Puerto Rico. Training for Kress began in Colorado where she spent two weeks with a crew of five people.

After learning her role in the crew they set out in two Ryder trucks for the first stop: Buffalo, New York. Kress also went to Maine, Maryland and New York.

Four hundred kids were at each camp building houses intended for single parents or low-income families.

Kress said it made her realize what is truly important and also that it was an eye-opening experience. "The best part about the summer was having kids look up to me and serving as a role model for the kids at my camps," she said. "Seeing people coming together to serve others because of wanting to help others not because of selfish reasons was awesome."

Junior theatre major Rachael Mellor took a trip to Myrtle Beach for the sole purpose of driving to Atlanta, Georgia to audition for the hit reality television show American Idol. She has been a fan of the show since its first season and took the trip with two friends.

Mellor and her friends arrived two days early on a Sunday and stood in line with 1,000 other people. She had to pass two security checkpoints in order to receive a wristband so she could audition. People auditioning had been told to bring sleeping bags and pillows to stay the night. Announcements were made periodically to inform people to stay where they were in case the media should stop by.

After two days of staying in the Georgia Dome, Mellor sat in the stadium with 11,000 other people anxiously waiting to audition for American Idol. "It was one of those things you can't put into words, you just had to be there," Mellor said.

By the time Mellor auditioned she was anxious and her nervousness had dissipated. She had filled out a release form saying that the show could use the tape of her. She then sang "Open Arms" by Journey. Mellor was thanked for her time and told that she wasn't what they were looking for. They cut off her wristband and that was the end of the experience.

When asked if she would audition again she said she would. "The whole thing was amazing because there were so many talented people, and ridiculous people too," Mellor said.

Senior neuroscience major Devi Wintrode stayed in Nicaragua for a month. She always had an interest in animal behavior and a particular interest in primates. Visiting Nicaragua, she had the opportunity to have first hand experience with Howler monkeys.

Wintrode went with a group of nine other students from the United States to Ometepe Island. Ompetepe biology field station is where she stayed, an hour away by boat from the mainland.

Each day Wintrode would get up at 4:30 a.m. and hike through the rainforest. She did an independent research project on Howler monkey behavior. Wintrode spent anywhere from five to eight hours a day doing research on inter/intra group communication. While she was there she even took a class in primate behavior and ecology.

She enjoyed the experience greatly but isn't sure she would do it again.

"Seeing the monkeys was fascinating," said Wintrode. "But I think the thing that will stick with me is living with the people there. They're so poor and have nothing and yet they're some of the happiest people I've seen because they focus on what's really important, their family and friends."

Travel course takes on England's literary landmarks

by Josh Storey
Staff Writer

This past May, English professors, Dr. Elizabeth Ford and Dr. Nancy Mackey, took students from their English literature travel course on an international field trip to tour the literary sites of England. Students had the chance to see the homes of Oscar Wilde, Virginia Woolf, and C.S. Lewis. The trip spanned two weeks and took the class from London to Oxford, Cambridge, Bath, Lands End, Saint Ives, and many other stops between.

After fighting off jet lag, students were set free to explore their first stop- London.

"Students learned to negotiate London in about two days; it's a great, cosmopolitan feeling to know that you can be at home in a world capital," said Ford.

"I especially loved being able to go out on our own every evening... and being able to take the underground in London just to explore," said junior Autumn Tack.

The trip was not all free time though. The days were filled with walking and bus tours of various sites ranging from literary locations like Virginia Woolf's apartments, to the recently rebuilt Globe Theatre, and the Tower of London. Most of the sites pertained to authors or books the students studied in class the previous semester.

"The students enjoyed the literary events we planned," Ford said. "They asked important questions and demonstrated their understanding of the material to internationally known scholars."

Among the scholars students met was Walter Hooper, biographer and friend of the late C.S. Lewis.

Lorrie Straka commented, "He [Hooper] was like a piece of history. Talking to him was the closest thing we could have to actually talking to C.S. Lewis. It was amazing."

Learning did not only come in the forms of tour guides and scholars however. The student's coach bus driver, Steve Larkin, offered a kind of insider information. Where as the tour guides were devoted to the historical elements of England, Larkin told them which restaurants to eat at, why they should avoid hot dog vendors, and answered any question the travelers posed. "Steve taught us a lot about English culture, and got us to try English foods,"said senior Loren Altenhof.

During the semester, some concern was voiced on traveling conditions due to the situation in Iraq. The only problem happened on the return flight home-luggage was lost during the transfer from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. "I was really upset with the way Philadelphia airport handled the bags. They just threw them in a pile and told us to get on our plane," said sophomore Thomas Burkhart. USAirways delivered the misplaced baggage that weekend. "USAirways got my bags to me the next morning at like 6:00 am." Otherwise the trip went off without a hitch.

"Positive and energetic students made this a successful trip. Even on days that might have been a bit over planned, they just kept going forward. Because of their enthusiasm, visits to literary sites, museums, theaters, and historical sites felt like discover, not drudgery," Ford said.

photo by Lorrie Straka

Tom Burkhart and Erin Chittock pose for a picture with John Stahlworthy, C.S. Lewis's biographer, personal secretary, and friend.

Concerns arise about new sprinkler system

by Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

Sprinkler systems were added to Jefferson, Eichenauer, Russell, and Ferguson residence halls this past summer by the college's physical plant, according to Dean of Public Safety John Lechner. The process was a part of the campus' attempt to improve safety at Westminster.

Physical Plant Owners Representative Larry Ratvasky reported a multitude of problems with installing the new systems- everything from underground lines that were not marked on maps, to beams that had been installed during renovations, to drilling into other utilities like steam and phone lines.

The precise amount of water that each sprinkler head can eject depends on the line and how many lines are in operation. Initial tests suggested that about 1100 gallons per minute is the flow rate of the six-inch pipes moving into Eichenauer, but other dorms like Jefferson only utilize four-inch pipes.

Regardless, Ratvasky suggests that students evacuate their rooms immediately if the sprinklers go off, and to leave their doors open since one active showerhead can fill a double occupancy dorm room in only a few minutes.

Concerns have been arising over what might trip the new sprinklers. Dean of Housing Molly Mistretta explains that the sprinkler-heads are heat-tripped, and not smoke-tripped, bringing reassurance that burnt popcorn will probably not cause the sprinklers to go off.

Mistretta also cautions students to be careful of high pressure. "There is a high amount of water pressure in the pipes, so I think between the high pressure, and the force of, maybe, a football hitting it, it might be enough to set some water flowing," she said.

Business Manager Don Shelenberger advises students to check and make sure the sprinklers are covered appropriately under their parents' insurance policies. The premium in order to extend coverage to dorm rooms is apparently "very minimal," and may already be covered for many students.

Incoming freshmen may already be aware of the sprinkler systems and their potential hazards, Mistretta says, since it was mentioned during Fresh Start. Many upperclassmen may not yet be aware of what the systems are, and how they operate.

Senior Gregory Drylie initially felt a serious concern over what the new sprinklers could do to his room and belongings, saying, "I wish they would have given us more information before we moved in. Not just, 'Hey, look, there's a sprinkler system and we don't know anything about it.'"

One concern that Drylie had was the notion that someone else might set off sprinklers. Ratvasky confirmed that only the specific sprinkler heads tripped by heat or vibrations will go off.

In response to student criticisms of the sprinkler systems, Mistretta tells students to be wary. "I understand the concern [of potential water damage], and that's why I think it's important that everyone be mindful and respectful of the system." She mentions that fire can be more dangerous than some students know, particularly in a residence hall where one hundred or more students are stacked next to and on top of each other.

In describing the function of the sprinkler systems, Mistretta explained them as intended to suppress flames until students can evacuate the building. "But I imagine it will make a mess in the process."

Ratvasky also reports that three hours after the new sprinkler system was operating, a cook in Russell dining hall spilled butter that triggered a "flame up." "The closest head only went off,and drenched the kitchen 30 minutes before the final meal was served from that kitchen. Food was served on time and the system worked." He adds, though, that, "all personnel were very wet."

According to Mistretta and Shelenberger, there was a fire incident in Hillside years ago as a result of candles. The sprinklers went off and doused the flame, though the water damage apparently turned out to be more extensive than the fire damage. Some water may have leaked from the original room into other dormitory rooms.

Mistretta adds, though, that Hillside is a wooden residency hall, and that had the fire spread, the incident could have been much worse.

The process of adding sprinkler systems to residency halls has been a part of on-going campus projects to improve safety, says Dean John Lechner.

Older buildings had no codes requiring sprinklers when they were built, says Lechner, but codes for new buildings require them. Thus, retrofitting old buildings is part of the college's long-term commitment to upgrading all aspects of safety. "We thought the next important step was to go back to the residence halls and retrofit them for safety," said Lechner.

Fall Fest starts tomorrow

by Jessica Bevan
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association and the Campus Programming Committee have merged to bring in the 2003 - 2004 school year with a bang, with Westminster's inaugural Fall Fest celebration. SGA and CPC are aiming to make the event the Volleyrock of the fall.

Activities are planned for the whole day, allowing students to take advantage of the new facilities in the renovated campus center, as well as the quad.

"I hope this is a good start,"said SGA Vice President Russ Mills. "But I think it is going to be a great day of fun for everyone."

The flag football tournament will get started at 10 a.m. Teams should already be formed, with six players, two of which must be female. The games will be single elimination and the top three teams will be awarded cash prizes for their efforts.

Beginning at 2 p.m., comedians Troy Thirdgill and Daniel Tosh will entertain students on the quad between McKelvey and Galbreath.. The comedians are incentive enough for some students to attend, including junior Matt McClelland.

"I saw Daniel Tosh's special on Comedy Central over the summer. You can tell he puts a lot of time and thought into his comedy," McClelland said. "He isn't out for just the cheap laughs. I'll definitely be sitting front row for that guy."

After dinner, a karaoke contest will be held in the Club Room of the McKelvey. Tentatively, the band Count the Stars has agreed to judge the contest. Prizes will be awarded to the best performers.

Foreign exchange students begin fall semester

by Amie Hack
Staff Writer

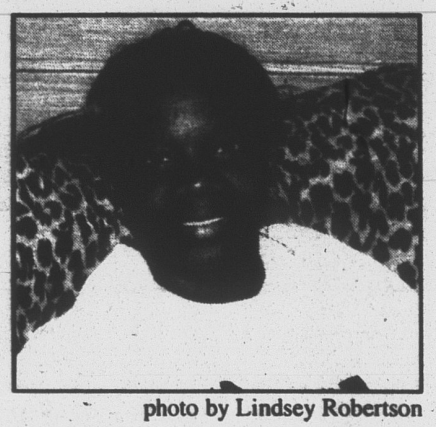
Although Westminster may seem like a tiny school squished between the borders of Pennsylvania and Ohio, the college does have a foreign exchange program that appeals to many students. This year's two newest exchange students are Lawunmi Lawani and Michael McBride.

Lawunmi Lawani, or "Lu Lu," is from Lagos, Nigeria. She came to the United States last year in order to learn more about America and to adjust better before she attended college here. Lawani came to America because she wants an American education.

"College back home is under-funded," Lawani said. "I wanted a small American school on the east coast. It had to have small classes, because it's easier for me to understand the language then, and I get more individual attention from the professors."

Lawani has family in both New York and Missouri. She has been to both places and attended one year of high school in Concordian, Missouri. She did graduate high school in Nigeria, but she wanted to get a year of education under her belt before she jumped right into college life.

Lawani will turn 17 on Sept. 22. She is a freshman and plans to spend four years at Westminster with a major in Computer



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Information Systems. After graduating, she wants to attend Graduate school in the United States, perhaps at the University of Pennsylvania. Lawani hopes to return to her home in Nigeria after her education is complete. She does go home to Nigeria during summers while here in the US, and she may go during winter break.

Although Lawani came here from an African country, Westminster is also host to a Northern Ireland student, Michael McBride. McBride is here on a scholarship that originated from the peace agreement that took place in Northern Ireland back in 1998. This scholarship, called the Business Education Initiative (BEI), is funded directly by the Central Government within the United Kingdom. The whole idea of the program, which sends about 165 students to Church-related American institutions, is "to provide pre-final year students with an external perspective... so that they may gain confidence in themselves, an international outlook, and enhanced business and management skills." From this experience, the students will hopefully have a positive affect on the economy of their home countries.

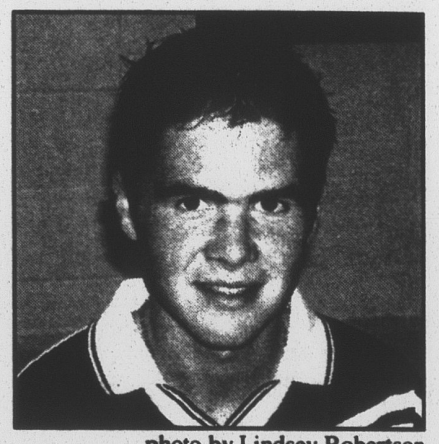
McBride received the BEI scholarship to attend Westminster, which is one of about 100 colleges that accepts students as part of the program. Back home, McBride attends Queens University in Belfast where he is studying law and accounting. He will be going into his fourth and final year when he goes back to Ireland after completing a year here at Westminster.

McBride is not sure yet what he will do upon graduation, although something in finance is a possibility. Having traveled and studied in the United States will give him an international dimension, as well as contacts in the US. He plans to travel over breaks, including next summer when he will stay here in the US for a few months before going back to Ireland. He hopes to help change the view Americans have of Ireland while he is here.

"Most Americans see Ireland in a negative view, but it is not actually like that at all," McBride said. "Anything bad that does go on is exaggerated as you Americans see it as. Northern Ireland is not bad; it's a pretty brilliant place to live."

Although McBride is trying to persuade Americans that the fighting and violence in Ireland is really not as bad as we may perceive it to be, he is quick to note that his American experience has thus far been a positive one.

"Everyone is really nice and accepting here," he said. "So far, so good! "



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College faculty welcomes six new professors

by Sara Ialongo
Staff Writer

Students may notice new faces in their classrooms this fall as the college welcomes six new full-time faculty members. They are: Dr. Andrew Ade, assistant professor of English; Dr. Rita Madarassy-Akin, assistant professor of economics; Dr. Jamie McMinn, assistant professor of psychology; Dr. Shahroukh Mistry, assistant professor of biology; Michael Slane, assistant professor of theatre; Dr. Shannon Smithey, assistant professor of sociology.

It may be early in the semester, but it didn't take long for the new professors to feel welcome on campus. While Slane joins the college from his previous teaching position at Ohio University, he and his family are enjoying the smaller college community.

"So far Westminster is all I had hoped it would be. It is our hope that this will become our home. My co-workers and students have been incredibly helpful and have my family feel very welcome. There are so many benefits to a school like Westminster."

Slane isn't the only newcomer to notice a difference since coming to the College. Smithey, who is teaching research methods and criminology courses this semester, is enjoying his experience as well. "Westminster emphasizes the liberal arts values that I treasure, the values that larger institutions don't always take seriously," Smithey said. "Westminster really seems like a community, which is a rare and pleasant find these days."

"Westminster is the type of small, liberal arts college I've been aspiring to throughout my graduate studies, " Ade said. "It offers a more intensive, more attentive approach to teaching undergraduates than do large state universities. " Ade is teaching a first-year writing class and English capstone this semester.

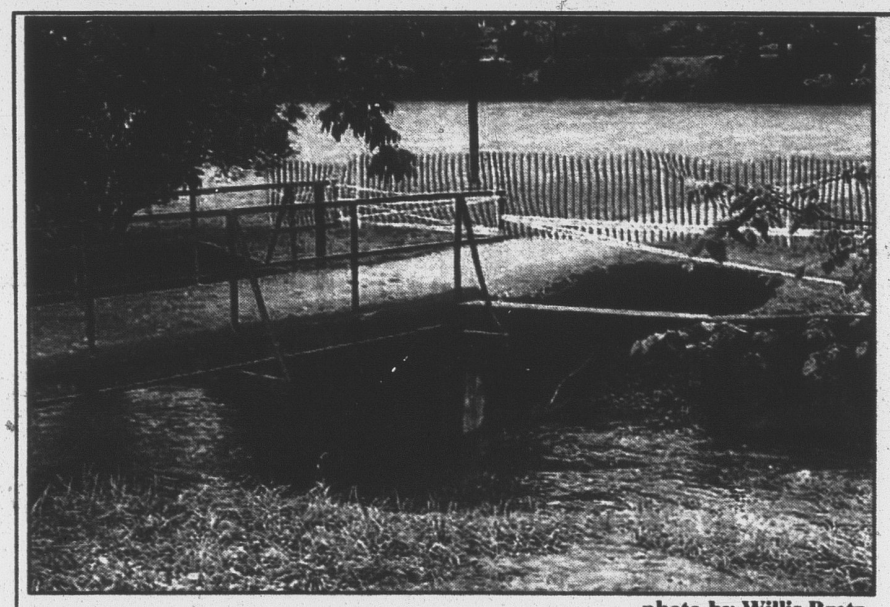
As the semester begins the professors await new experiences on campus. McMinn is looking forward to meeting students and getting to them better. Slane anticipates his first theater production on campus. Ade can't wait to explore the arts scene in the Pittsburgh area. Mistry is looking forward to something we all can appreciate—sunshine.

Most of the new professors enjoy the diverse community, such as the Amish, in New Wilmigton. "The Amish bring diversity to the community," McMinn said.

For Slane, the Amish make him feel at home. "I grew up near an Amish Settlement. Seeing the farms and the buggies brings back good memories. I think their culture adds richness to the community and serves as a reminder to watch our materialistic tendencies."

"I think the college should have some buggies of our own," Mistry added. "Wouldn't it be fun to see the Dean drive to work every day in a buggy?"

The students are enjoying the opportunity to meet the new faculty and learn from their unique backgrounds. Rachel Bazylak, senior psychology major, is a student in McMinn's Psychology Capstone Seminar. "I enjoy having Dr. McMinn teaching the capstone class. He brings a fresh perspective to the class," Bazylak said. "I'm looking forward to learning from him this semester."



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Bridge Collapses

Last Tuesday, the wing wall of the pedestrian foot bridge between Eichenhauer and Galbreath collapsed during severe storms. "The cause of the collapse is unknown, although the undermining of the wing wall due to the excessive rains this year would be one logical cause," said Owen Wagner, director of the Physical Plant.

The bridges were inspected last year. "Danger of the bridges washing away is not anticipated but in a flooding situation nothing can be discounted. Water is a powerful force and can do considerable damage," said Wagner.

Students are urged to find alternate routes. The other bridges do not seem to be in danger of collapsing, and surprisingly, the foot bridge between the upper tennis courts and Old 77 is in better repair, though it is meant for limited use.

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Doors will open for the concert at 7 p.m. For entry, all students will need is their Titan Card and $5.00. The show will feature Punchline, Count the Stars and Hopesfall with headliners, the Juliana Theory. Students will be given a wristband to leave and return as they wish.

The organizations sponsoring Fall Fest are optimistic that the day will be a success.

"In general. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone enjoying themselves and taking part in all the events," said Christine Aktins, SGA president. "But I am most excited for the Karaoke contest and the live Bands!"

CPC co-chair Diana Rodenhausen added that the time put into planning Fall Fest should be well worth it.

"This weekend should be worth it just for the bands!" Rodenhausen said.

Computer labs bring frustration rather than aid to students

by Melissa Logan
Senior Staff Writer

Listening to the murmurs on campus, students have a number of recurring concerns about the problematic parking, the not-so-homemade cafeteria food, and the always-high priced books. New to the complaint list this year is the computer lab schedule.

Since arriving on campus, first year and returning students alike were met with a less flexible lab schedule than in past years. According to Director of Information Systems Paul Wallace, despite student complaints the schedule is unlikely to change this semester.

The Structural Resources Council, comprised of library, audio visual, and information systems personnel along with two student representatives, consider the lab schedule and related topics each semester. In the fall of 2002, they made the decision to slightly decrease the available lab hours each consecutive semester. However, the majority of students did not realize this drop until two weeks ago.

"Budget cuts forced us to lower the amount spent by the Department on student workers. Therefore, the elimination of proctors equates the elimination of lab hours," said Wallace.

Besides budgets cuts, the closing of McElree lab in Hoyt has negatively affected the available lab hours. Due to an increase in smart classroom need, the decision was made in the Academic Affairs Office to close the lab, designating it strictly for classroom use.

"Everyone in Hoyt mourns the loss of McElree," said senior Rachel Smith. "It was convenient for the various science departments."

Student previously using McElree must now work in the Math and Computer Science lab. Interestingly, the existing Math and Computer Science lab has been renamed the McElree lab to ensure the proper use of funding. The McElree family specifically donated money for computer use.

Further complications arise since a number of classes that previously met in McElree must now meet in the Patterson lab, therefore reducing Patterson's operating hours.

Further student complaints surround the early morning and late night lab hour cuts. Previously, students could work from 7 am until 3 am in at least one lab. Labs now open at 8 am and close by 1 am. Due to a low number of students using the labs before 8 am and after 1 am the Information Systems saw the elimination of these time slot as less likely to affect a large number of students and a way to save money.

"Too bad that if I want to be ambitious on Sunday and get work done before 1 in the afternoon" said Brittany Jardine, "there's no where for me to do it."

Student may encounter further problems when attempting to locate an open lab Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10:30 to 11:00 am. No lab is available during this time slot due to classes being held in the lab.

When making decisions concerning lab hours, the Information Systems Department considers the department budget, student use of the labs during each hour, and the number of students with personal computers. According to Wallace, 80 percent of students have their own computer.

"Although I have a personal computer, I still have to be in a lab to complete many email and internet functions," said senior Michele Lage. "And when I work on group projects we always meet in a lab."

Additionally, certain programs needed for course assignments are only available on lab computers including Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, and SPSS.

"When I complete my work study hours, I can't find an open computer to do my work. Then I have to do it after I leave and I certainly don't get paid for doing it then," said senior Amanda Moore.

According to Dean Mann, the decision to eliminate lab hours was further based on the college's future computer lab plans. "Within future years, labs on this campus will become a thing of the past. Soon, Westminster will grant computers to incoming students much in the same manner as Grove City does."

Mann went on to explain that the bottom line is money. The budget cannot support the money needed to pay proctors, purchase updated equipment, paper, ink cartridges, and electricity.

Although students have certainly made their opinion known to each other, the Academic Affairs Office has received one complaint regarding the lab hours.

SGA has spoken out on behalf of the student body. The Judicial Committee discussed the issue at their last meeting and is investigating the situation.

The SGA Judicial Committee is discussing a future petition requesting the computer lab hours be reevaluated and possibly extended, particularly past 1 am. Student with complaints regarding this issue should direct all complaints to Drew Huston at or Wallace at . For a complete list of lab hours, consult any schedule posted on lab doors.

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Memorial for children bigger than anticipated

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) The makeshift memorial to the four children killed Friday in what police say was case of arson has overflowed from the front porch of their home onto the sidewalk below.

Scattered among the dozens of stuffed animals, bunches of flowers and assorted candles are a few handwritten notes from the victims' friends and playmates.

"Let God and the angels ... always be with you," read one, stapled to an orange-and-yellow lion and addressed to the oldest victim, 10-year-old Andrew Birster II.

Andrew and his siblings Tylor, Brianna and Kirsten died of smoke inhalation inside their second-floor bedrooms at about 2 a.m. on Friday in a fire allegedly set by their mother's ex-boyfriend, Francisco Parrilla David.

David, 34, of Lancaster, has been charged with four counts of criminal homicide, arson and other offenses and was being held without bond in Lancaster County Prison. Court officials said they did not know if he has obtained a lawyer.

David allegedly set the fire inside the first floor around 2 a.m., while the children, their mother Cheryl Birster and her new boyfriend, Kevin K. Haythe, were upstairs. Birster and Haythe jumped out a second-floor window to escape the smoke and heat and were unable to re-enter the building to save the children.

"They were great kids," Haythe said in a brief interview on Tuesday. "They didn't deserve this."

As for David, Haythe said: "He's going to answer to the Lord now."

Outside the fire scene on Tuesday, a neighbor who attended Wickersham Elementary School with Andrew and 7-year-old Brianna said they went out of their way to show him kindness.

"They used to play with me when nobody else would," said 12-year-old Antonio Navarro. "They were always good to me."

Cheryl and the children's father, Andrew Birster, now divorced, met with Wickersham teachers on Tuesday morning in an emotional session.

The faculty members gave the parents some school photographs and shared their memories of the two, said Deb Kauffman, principal at Wickersham until this year.

Andrew and Brianna "were always pleasant, they loved to come to school," Kauffman said. "Everybody got along with them."

Among other memorial plans, the Lancaster City School District will plant trees in their memory outside the school, district spokeswoman Hope Banner said. Counselors will be on hand when students return for the new school year on Wednesday morning.

At the Magic Years Learning Center that 4-year-old Kirsten attended, her teacher said she was "a very happy child."

"When she got warmed up to you, she was a very hyper child," said teacher Ashley Gibbs, recalling how Kirsten logged onto the computer each morning to play a game based on the TV show, "Blues Clues."

Tylor, 9, was described in an obituary as "a nurturing and cautious child who liked taking care of his sisters," and enjoyed riding his bicycle.

The Rev. Brian Fountain, who will officiate at the funeral on Wednesday at Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel in Lititz, got to know the three older children and their mother at Promise, a family-enrichment program in Lancaster.

"They made the Promise group (come) alive. They came and they had a lot of energy," said Fountain, of Harrisburg's Peace Chapel.

The children had also made an impression on the staff and residents of Dutch Cousin Campground, where their truck-driver father lived until late last year.

"They were adorable," said facility manager Jeanie Piscitelli. "(Andrew) was like the little man. He kind of kept an eye on his brother and sisters. They were just good kids."

Former Pittsburgh police chief sentenced to prison

PITTSBURGH (AP) A former suburban Pittsburgh police chief was sentenced to two to seven years in prison for stealing more than $20,000 in seized drug money and retaliating against officers who went to authorities.

Former Wilkinsburg police chief Gerald Brewer was sentenced Monday but remained free on bond while he appeals the sentence and his June conviction.

The former chief, who now lives in Juno Beach, Fla., represented himself at trial and at his sentencing, which he tried to delay with a flurry of last-minute motions.

Brewer, 50, was arrested in 2001 on charges of stealing more than $20,000 from a police safe used to hold seized drug money. He had resigned as chief in December 2000.

Prosecutors said the safe was kept in a locked closet to which Brewer had the only key, and only the chief knew the combination to the safe. An audit by the Allegheny County district attorney's office said three searches of the safe failed to find $38,318 in drug money.

Two officers involved in the initial phases of the investigation were demoted and later joined three other officers in a federal lawsuit against Brewer.

Brewer has maintained his innocence and said personal vendettas fueled the accusations against him.

NATIONAL

Methanine use spreading beyond club scene

McLOUD, Okla. (AP) Vicki Gantt doesn't tell her 8-year-old why she's in prison. She only tells him that she made a bad choice.

Before prison, she had tried to get clean for her two sons. She made dinner, cleaned house and helped her boys with homework.

And for a while, she pushed aside the urge to buy a few grams of methamphetamine, inject it and let the high consume her.

But in the end, she chose meth.

Her boys went to live with relatives and she went to the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center to live in a dormitory cell with 40 other women, most of them there because they couldn't stop using drugs.

"I wasn't there," the 43-year-old says through tears. "I chose the drugs over my kids and I just hope they can forgive me."

Oklahoma imprisons more of its women than any other state, and women go to jail on drug offenses more than any other crime.

Nearly 48 percent of all women sent to prison last year went for drug possession or distribution, compared with about 31 percent of the men. About 44 percent of those women were first-time offenders, a Department of Corrections survey found.

Oklahoma's female imprisonment rate - 130 women per 100,000 people - is more than twice the national average, according to a 2001 study.

About 80 percent of all women in the jail are mothers and almost half of them have children younger than 12.

Putting women in jail ripples through families like a tidal wave.

When parents go to prison, children are shuffled through a network of relatives or taken into state custody and put in foster care.

Still, Gantt beams when she talks about her 8-year-old son's swim team triumphs and how her 19-year-old son has enrolled in college.

What she doesn't talk about are the swim meets she's missed or the birthday parties and graduations she'll experience only through sporadic letters from family, read and reread on her bunk in her dormitory cell.

The drug that sent her to prison is highly addictive.

It is made from ingredients as common as drain cleaner, cold pills, batteries and salt. It can be manufactured quickly in a space as ordinary as a kitchen and as small as a suitcase.

"If you can bake a cake, you can pretty much cook a batch of meth," says Londa Johnson, drug court supervisor in Pontotoc County where the Ada woman was sentenced.

Meth interacts with the part of the brain that releases dopamine, the chemical that tells the body it is experiencing pleasure.

Gantt could stay high on a small dose for nearly 12 hours. And unlike other drugs she had tried, coming down was easy, she says.

There were no tremors or twitches, just tired and sore muscles that could have easily been attributed to staying up for several hours or days at a time.

Meth's high made her feel like she could do anything.

"When I was on meth I could draw when I couldn't draw," she says, "I could write when I couldn't write."

Meth can hook with just one taste of its high, Johnson says.

It snares the poor and the rich, people with GEDs and those with college degrees.

Penny Willoughby was working as a computer programer making $55,000 a year when she smoked meth at a party using a pipe made from a pen and a light bulb.

"It just gave me a good head rush," says Willoughby, just four months into a two-year prison term. "I remember we listened to CDs all night. On meth, you just lose time."

Using meth on the weekends grew into using every morning before going to work. She smoked in the bathroom as family members waited on her doorstep.

After a few hits of meth, Willoughby could sit in front of her computer working on programs for sometimes seven days at a time.

"I needed it to stay awake," she says. "I was working so much and I could do so much when I was on meth."

By the time she stopped, though, she was living in a tent, on food stamps and making tacos at Taco Bell.

Gantt's arrest came at a time when she was teaching a class full of preschoolers at a Head Start in Holdenville.

Her mother found a baggy holding a small amount of meth in Gantt's purse and called police. Gantt's older sister, Sheri Hurley, says the family didn't know what else to do.

"That was the last ditch effort at saving her life," Hurley says. "We thought she was going to be dead. At that point, we had tried everything."

Gantt was sentenced to drug court, where she attended meetings and submitted to random drug testing. But constant supervision and the threat of going to prison wasn't enough to keep her off meth.

Getting the drug out of these women's lives is difficult, even behind bars.

Their eyes light up when they talk about meth. The metallic taste is still fresh on their tongues.

Willoughby says she's reformed. Prison has given her time to think and time to change. She carries a Bible with her and attends weekly religious meetings.

"I can honestly say I'm not going to go back to it," Willoughby says. "I've been given a chance to start my life over and I need to do that."

Gantt isn't so optimistic. She's used the drug while in jail and still calls it "instant pain reliever."

As a convicted felon, Gantt says she'll never teach again when she leaves prison, something that won't happen until she's up for parole in three years.

"I'm afraid," she says. "How am I going to feed myself? I might have to start selling drugs just to feed myself."

And after years behind bars, the craving remains.

"I sit in a dorm with 43 other drug addicts and most of them are talking about how they are going get out and get a rock," Gantt says. "That's not treatment."

National Briefs

Kid murder

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) A 7-year-old boy was fatally shot by another child after the children broke into a safe to play with a relative's gun, police said.

Norfolk police spokeswoman Maravia Ebong said three children, ages 7, 9 and 11, were playing with the semiautomatic .380-caliber handgun Tuesday night after one of them pried the locked safe open with a tool.

The children were about to put the gun back when it went off, Ebong said. The 7-year-old, Quincy Benton, died at Norfolk Sentara General Hospital around 10 p.m., about a half hour after the shooting.

Ebong declined to say which child was responsible for the shooting, but said it was initially being investigated as an accident.

The identities of the other children were not immediately released. Ebong said two of the children were brothers and the other was a cousin.

She refused to say whether any adults were in the house at the time. She said the children were at the home of a relative.

Animal cruelty trial

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) Two Jonesboro teenagers entered no contest pleas Wednesday to misdemeanor charges of animal abuse and theft of property in a dog killing case.

Ron "Nick" Allison and Matt Harden were accused of abducting their friend's dog, a five-year-old Chow named Pooh, on June 6 and killing it.

Harden and Allison each were sentenced to 30 days in jail with 29 suspended, 80 hours of public service, one year probation, one year of counseling and $550 in fines.

"I am so extremely sorry for what's happened and I will forever and ever regret this," Harden said.

They were accused of beating the dog to death. The dog's head was found at the bottom of a drained swimming pool blocks away.

"Something definitely has to be done about this," District Judge Ray Spruell said from the bench.

Jared Kemp, Pooh's owner, said he cannot forgive Harden or Allison.

"No. I believe not," Kemp said. "Because they stole one of my friend's lives and they killed him."

West Nile strikes again

ATLANTA (AP) West Nile virus activity has again doubled, now affecting more than 1,400 people in the United States, federal officials said Wednesday.

Thirty-four states reported a total of 1,442 cases and 21 deaths, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. Last week, the agency reported 715 cases and 14 deaths.

Colorado and the central United States continue to be the hardest hit. Colorado's 635 human cases lead the country, followed by 204 cases in South Dakota, 190 in Nebraska and 106 in Texas, the CDC said.

Six of the country's deaths were in Colorado, followed by four in Nebraska.

The virus is spread to people or animals by bites from mosquitoes that have fed on infected birds. It rarely kills, but about 1 in 150 people who get it will develop potentially deadly encephalitis or meningitis.

Since the virus first entered the country through New York in 1999, late August through September has been its peak season. It infected 4,156 people and killed 284 in 2002 - its largest U.S. outbreak yet.

Alternate car fuel

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) Members of an environmental group urged North Carolina lawmakers on Wednesday to take steps to promote the use of cars that use alternative fuels.

A report released by North Carolina Public Interest Research Group said alternative technologies are available that could cut down on air pollution and the use of fossil fuels.

"The manufacturers have the technology to roll out less polluting cars, trucks and buses, and consumers are willing to buy them," said Elizabeth Ouzts, director of the group.

The report recommends that lawmakers adopt legislation requiring as much as 10 percent of all vehicles sold in the state to utilize technology that relies on cleaner technology such as natural gas, hydrogen fuel cells and electric batteries. The requirement could be put into effect sometime over the next decade, the report says.

The group also wants the Legislature to improve the availability of refueling facilities for alternative fuel cars and require that the state motor fleet include a set percentage of the cars.

It also recommends tax incentives for buying such cars.

Sentence reduced for patriot

WASHINGTON (AP) The State Department on Wednesday welcomed the reduction of the prison sentence of a Vietnamese dissident who used the Internet to promote democracy.

The sentence of Pham Hong Son, 35, was reduced Tuesday from 13 years to five years.

Son was convicted of espionage in June after prosecutors said he communicated with overseas "reactionaries" via the Internet. Espionage normally carries a 12-year minimum sentence.

While welcoming the reduced sentence, State Department spokesman Philip Reeker said Son should never have been jailed in the first place and called for his immediate release.

"We continue to urge the Vietnamese government to adhere to international human rights standards," Reeker said.

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INTERNATIONAL

U.S. Army reservists accused of abusing Iraqi POWs

UMM QASR, Iraq (AP) The U.S. military opened a hearing Wednesday into allegations that four U.S. Army reservists abused Iraqi prisoners of war at a camp in this southern port city.

Possible charges include dereliction of duty, assault and maltreatment of prisoners. Three of the soldiers also could be charged with making a false official statement and one faces possible obstruction of justice counts.

The hearing, being held at Camp Bucca, is the equivalent of a civilian grand jury investigation that will produce a nonbinding recommendation to be forwarded to senior military officials for a final judgment.

The four - Spc. Timothy Canjar, 21; Sgt. Shawna Edmondson, 24; Master Sgt. Lisa Marie Girman, 35, and Staff Sgt. Scott A. McKenzie, 38 - are all from the 320th Military Police Battalion, based in Ashley, Pa.

They are alleged to have punched and kicked several Iraqis, breaking one man's nose, while escorting a busload of prisoners to a POW processing center at Camp Bucca in May in Umm Qasr. The soldiers have said they acted in self-defense.

"The hearing is being held to determine whether there is enough evidence to go to trial or dismiss the case," said Maj. Vic Harris, a U.S. Army spokesman.

The list of allegations, obtained by The Associated Press, included kicking and hitting the prisoners in the groin, face, abdomen, and head, and holding prisoners and encouraging others to kick them.

Stephen Stallard, a squad leader of a unit involved in transporting 44 Iraqi POWs on the day of the alleged incident, testified that Girman told him, "I think we show the prisoners too much respect."

Stallard recalled the alleged abuse of one of the prisoners and testified, "In my opinion, he was screaming for his life."

Several of the reservists have experience in handling prisoners in their civilian jobs.

Girman, a Pennsylvania state trooper for 14 years, served at a POW camp during the 1991 Gulf War. McKenzie, who was decorated for his previous service in Bosnia, is a lieutenant in a boot camp-style prison run by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. Edmondsun is a campus security officer at the University of Scranton, where she also takes classes.

The case has caused an uproar in Pennsylvania, where their relatives have enlisted the help of politicians, veterans' groups and friends to support the four reservists.

"A bloody nose and a twisted arm, and our kids are facing prison time"' said Edmondson's mother, Linda. "In time of war, it's ridiculous. She could have shot them, if she wanted to hurt someone."

Harris said the military was aware of the families' feelings, "but they have to know that this is how the system works."

"They (the prisoners) are human beings and they should be treated with dignity and respect, and certainly according to the Geneva Convention," Harris said.

Amnesty International has said some former prisoners have complained of being treated poorly, held in filthy conditions, restrained in painful positions, and exposed to bright lights and loud music for long periods.

Mercenaries plot assassination in France

PARIS (AP) A group of suspected mercenaries detained in France were plotting to assassinate Ivory Coast President Laurent Gbagbo, Paris prosecutors said Wednesday.

French counterintelligence agents arrested 10 people over the weekend, saying they were implicated in an alleged plot to destabilize Ivory Coast.

After the arrests, Gbagbo thanked France for thwarting what he claimed was a coup plot and an attempt on his life.

Among those arrested was Ibrahim Coulibaly, a former Ivory Coast army sergeant who led a 1999 coup, but turned power over to Gen. Robert Guei rather than taking over himself, officials said. Living in exile in Burkina Faso since 2000, Coulibaly had recently announced his intention in French media to return to Ivory Coast.

Prosecutors said Wednesday that eight of those arrested were expected to go before judges later in the day to be placed under investigation - a step short of being formally charged. They face counts of association with a terrorist network and mercenary recruitment.

The two others were still in custody and would be brought before judges at a different time, said investigating judge Marie-Antoinette Houyvet.

Ivory Coast, which suffered a nine-month civil war that officially ended in July, has been rattled in the past week by persistent talk of new uprisings, prompting authorities to increase the number of armed soldiers patrolling the streets of the commercial capital, Abidjan.

French officials have not given any details about the alleged plot, but apparently had advance warning of it.

Men arrested, accused of animal cruelty

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) Police arrested three men and were searching for several other suspects in connection with the killing of three orangutans at a resort on Borneo island, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

Three of the endangered animals were speared with harpoons in the attack last week at the Shangri-La Rasa Ria Resort in Malaysia's Sabah state, The Star cited police as saying. Two other orangutans were injured.

Sabah Police Commissioner Ramli Yusuf said three former employees of the resort were arrested Sunday and were being questioned about the attack, the Star reported. Former resort workers who were disgruntled with its management were suspected in the attack, Rami was cited as saying. He did not elaborate.

"We are seeking information on anyone who may have sold harpoons to the suspects," The Start quoted Ramli as saying.

Ramli said the three suspects are being investigated under laws which provide for imprisonment for up to five years for people convicted of intentionally killing protected animals.

The resort and the owner of a circus have jointly offered a 60,000 ringgit (US$15,800) reward for information leading to the capture of the orangutans attackers.

Orangutans live in the wild on Borneo, which is shared by Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei. But logging and development are shrinking the size of the animals' natural environment and poachers who sell the animals as performers or for pets are also threatening the species, which is close to extinction and protected under Malaysian conservation laws.

International Briefs

Tomato throwing festival

MADRID, Spain (AP) Tens of thousands of people got pasted in eastern Spain on Wednesday in one of the country's most popular summer traditions - the annual tomato-throwing festival.

Participants pelted each other with overripe tomatoes, turning the streets of the eastern Spanish town of Bunol into red, juicy pools in an annual festival known as "La Tomatina."

It is said to be the world's largest tomato battle. Last year, the crowd numbered around 38,000 - more than four times the population of the Bunol.

Within minutes, the streets, the revelers and nearby buildings were splashed with red.

National radio reported that nearby residents protected their facades with plastic sheets. Others from balconies overlooking the fight dumped buckets of water onto the participants, RNE said.

The tomato fight often draws people from as far away as Japan and Australia.

The festival, held on the last Wednesday of every August, started in the 1940s when children began throwing their lunch at each other one day in a downtown square at a time when the region's tomato exports were starting to pick up.

They met again the following year, this time pelting passers-by as well and giving birth to the food fight.

Senegal gov't turnover

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) Senegal announced its fifth government in three years under President Abdoulaye Wade in a Cabinet overhaul Wednesday that followed criticism of Wade's administration and its handling of recent flooding.

While the government was believed to have courted opposition parties for the new Cabinet, the three main opposition groups refused to join - saying a strong opposition was more important to Senegal's democracy than a coalition government.

Senegal, a West African nation with few natural resources, is one of a handful of African nations never to experience a post-independence coup.

Wade, a longtime opposition leader, was elected three years ago, ousting a party that had held power for 40 years.

Wade's government had come under criticism recently for its handling of flooding in which dozens died.

Also, a recent book by a Senegalese journalist exposed alleged corruption and mismanagement in Wade's government.

The new Cabinet has 34 members, two more than the previous one. Most key posts remain unchanged, with the exception of the interior and health ministries.

The interior minister, an unaligned military veteran, was replaced with a minister of Wade's party. The health minister, a former World Health Organization official, was replaced with a political independent.

Nuclear explosion kills man

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) An explosion near a South Korean nuclear research laboratory killed one worker and injured another on Wednesday, but no radiation leaked, authorities said.

The victims and two other workers were laying and cleaning pipes at the time of the blast at the Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute in Daejeon, 125 miles south of Seoul, the Yonhap news agency reported.

Yonhap quoted Lee Ho-kwang, an official at the state institute, as saying the explosion occurred near a laboratory that does not handle radioactive materials. The cause of the blast was under investigation.

The laboratory is about one-third of a mile from an experimental nuclear reactor inside the compound, and is used for research on nuclear thermal hydraulic engineering. The institute was founded in 1959.

Nuclear power provides about 40 percent of South Korea's electricity.

Wharfside showdown

TOKYO (AP) A North Korean ship suspected of smuggling weapons and drugs will return to Japan again soon after six-way nuclear talks in Beijing conclude, a North Korean official said Wednesday, setting the stage for another possible wharfside showdown.

North Korea blamed Tokyo for stoking tensions between the nations during this week's port call by passenger ferry Mangyongbong-92. Anti-Korean protesters yelled threateningly during the arrival of the boat, which was initially prevented from leaving due to safety violations.

"The Japanese public safety authorities created a terror-ridden atmosphere and took an unusual alert posture, talking about 'strict counteraction' as regards the entry of Mangyongbong-92 into Niigata port," North Korea's KCNA news agency said.

It was too soon to tell if the ship's regular service to Japan could be restored, but shipping officials were planning to make another call Sept. 4, said So Chung On, spokesman for the General Association of Korean Residents of Japan.

Greek Sweep '03

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McKelvey Campus Center

Feeling like a first year everytime you step into the new student center?
Afraid the psychology department is actually running you through an elaborate maze?
Let the Holcad give you the tour of the building we have all been waitng for.

photos by Erin Gray and Josh Storey

Level One

Everyone knows what is on the ground floor of McKelvey: food. Previously known as the TUB and The Grille, the Orchard Street Cafe now provides students with an alternative to the cafeteria. BLTs are now a constant portion of the Sub Menu. Popcorn chicken sits next to the fries and hamburgers. Starbucks has found its way into New Wilmington (lattes are still out of the question though, but chocolate covered espresso beans more than make up for it).

What counts as a "meal" and what needs to be put on Dine Dollars is still a bit confusing, but the Cafe staff is more than happy to answer any questions you might have about substituions or the like.

Also on this level you have the campus book store, or at least the portion of the store that sells books. Rumors that students would be able to gather their own text books seemed to be false, but it turns out the store staff was only waiting for the semester rush to cool down. Come next week you will be able to go in and find that book you forgot (or could not afford) for yourself.

Not so obvious on the first floor are the mail boxes, mail room, and connections to the AV department. The student lounge and commuter lockers are also tucked into a back corner of this floor, and those bean bags are more comfortable than they look.

Orchard Street Cafe

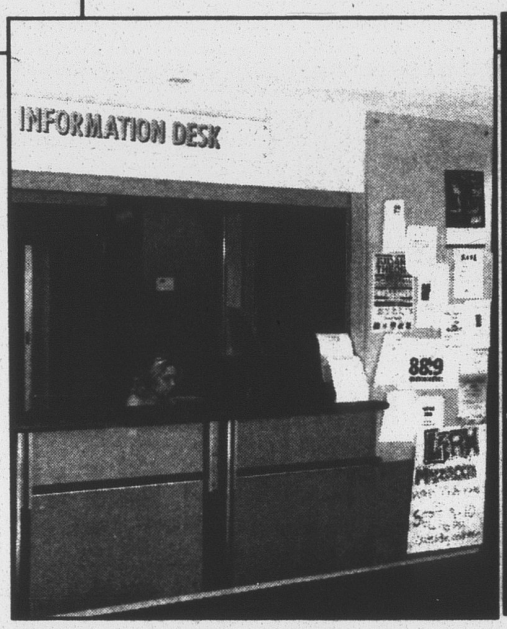
Level Two

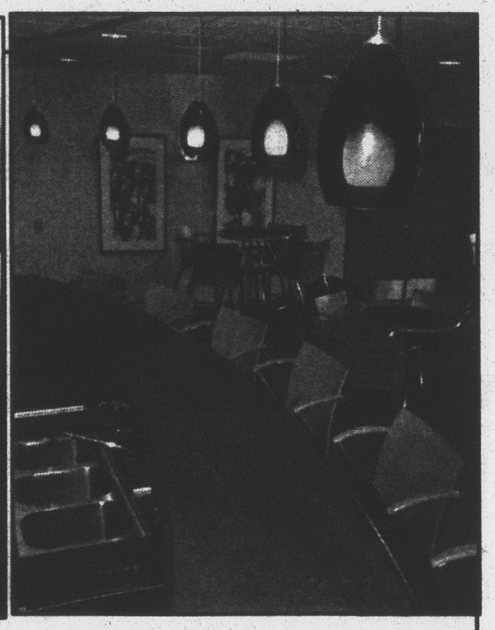
The second floor is the new home of Student Affairs and the Titan Card office. The second level of the bookstore is on this floor. The upstairs section is where you can find posters, sweat shirts, shirts, and any other kind of Westminny apparal you could ever want.

The shiny new movie theater is also on this level. Decked out with surrond sound, big screen, stadium seating and even cup holders. For drinks and popcorn, you have to head over to the Club Room.

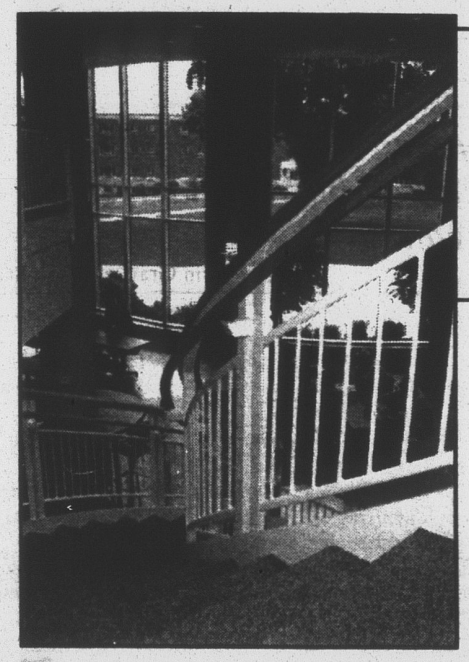
Everyone remember the Down Under? Well ok, not the first years, but upperclassmen will. Everything that used to go on in the basement of Eich is now on the second floor of McKelvey.

The view is much nicer...





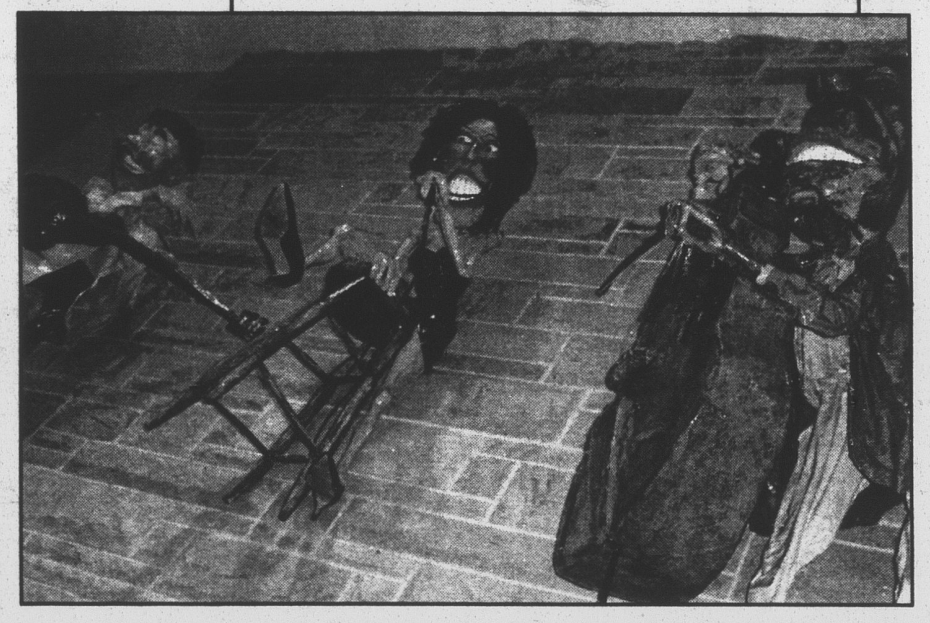
Information Desk (Left)
Club Room (Right)

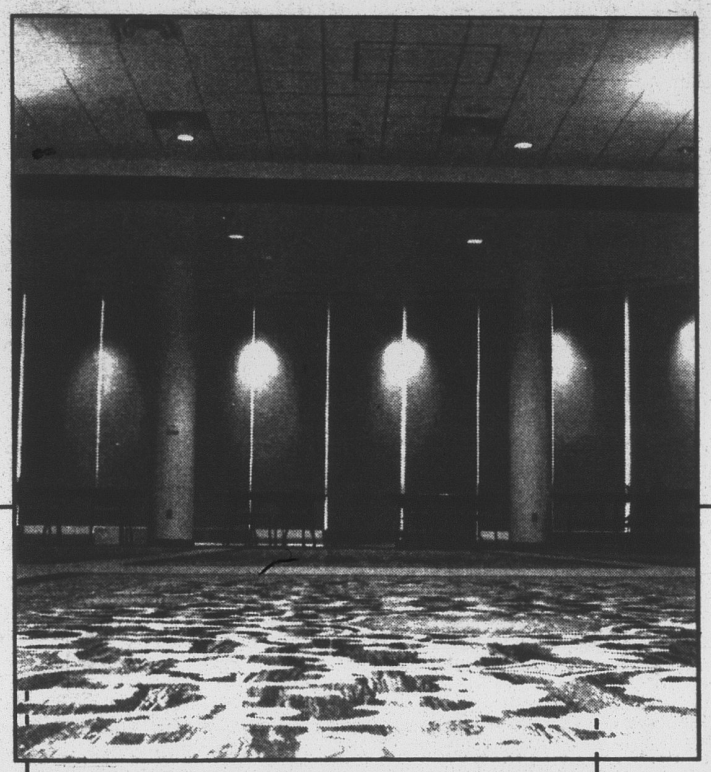


Did You Know?

That banister was hand made specifically for our student center inside the building.

These sculptures are original to the McKelvey Student Center. One of a kind.





The Witherspoon ball room offers reservable space for conventions, functions, and other activities that require elbow space and breathing room.

Level Three

The third floor is home to most of McKelvey's reservable rooms including the Witherspoon ballroom and conference rooms of varying size.

Student publications (Holcad, Argo, and Scrawl), CPC, SGA, and other student organizations' offices are also located on the top floor.

Titan Radio has a spiffy new station that students got to see at last Thursday's fiesta.

Also, don't forget to check out the Career Center. They have a balcony with a view second only to the study area, also on the third floor.

Titan Radio

SPORTS

Titan football look at for conference crown in 2003

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

After a 6-4 (4-1 in the President's Athletic Conference) campaign in 2002, the Westminster Titan football squad enters the 2003 season looking to battle for the conference crown.

In 2002, junior running back Scott Froelich rushed for 1,305 yards, becoming just the sixth back in Westminster's storied football history to surpass 1,000 rushing yards in a season.

As he enters his third season as the starting tailback and with senior Ryan Mitchell returning at fullback, Froelich has been dubbed a preseason All-American candidate.

While Froelich and Mitchell return to anchor the backfield, Westminster also returns seniors Kevin Huber and Matt Robison at quarterback. Both Huber and Robison saw action last season calling the signals for the Titan offense.

Each quarterback brings personal flair to the Titan offensive. Huber employs wily athleticism, while Robison has displayed a more traditional gun-slinging style.

Regardless of who calls the signals this season, Westminster is armed with a corps of very talented wide receivers, led by senior Steve Scott and red shirt junior Brian Ekis. Juniors Sam Meriwether and Brooks LeViere fortify the Titan receiving squad.

"I'm new to the receiving corps this year," Meriwether said. "With veterans like Steve [Scott] and Brian [Ekis] showing me the ropes, my transition from defense has gone smooth. Work like that reveals their leadership."

Junior Lou Fani, and sophomores Josh Bero and Tom Heath, compete for the starting tight end job vacated by Nevin Baker.

"Nevin [Baker] was a special talent," Bero said. "Anytime you have the opportunity to fill shoes such as his, you just chomp at the bit."

Despite a wealth of experience and talent at the offensive skill positions, senior Glenn Silvidi returns as the lone returning starter on the offensive line.

Silvidi earned all-conference laurels in 2002. As a result, he'll be called upon to anchor the line, where he'll be joined by senior Aaron Detwiler, junior Phil Frye and sophomores Josh Perry and B.A. Lambie.

Defensively, the Titans return seniors Jim Chaney and Jason Sanata along with junior Tony Ventresco to make up the nucleus of the defensive line. Senior Nick Fritch and junior Jerry Bonenberger return at linebacker.

"We lost some of defensive leaders (DE Erick Pabis, LB Joe Bianco, and DB Joe Stern) to graduation," Bonenberger said. "But it's a new season and we have to be ready to play no matter what."

While the defensive front returns few starters, the defensive backfield is rich with experience and talent. The secondary includes seniors Mike Cubellis and Mike McKee, juniors Kevin Kresinski, Mike Kohowski, Justin Martinchek, and Clint DeLuca, and sophomore Tom Froelich.

After finishing 4-1 in PAC play last season, the Titans hope to improve upon that mark and challenge the nationally ranked Washington & Jefferson Presidents for the conference crown. Westminster returns several key members of last year's squad and seek to utilize their experience in their quest for a conference title.

NFL preview and predictions for the upcoming season

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

Finally, it's here. We've been waiting for this since last January when Tampa Bay showed the world why defense wins Championships. We've been waiting for this ever since we saw Oakland's high-powered offense do absolutely nothing in the most important game of their lives. All the team's that didn't make it to Super Sunday last season have been waiting, and waiting, and waiting for a new life, for another shot at playing for the Lombardi trophy. Yeah we're ready. Who are we kidding? We've been ready for football season since the day it ended last January. And now it's here.

We'll start with the AFC. The AFC is loaded with contenders this season. In the East, Miami is the favorite with one of the top defenses in the NFL. Oh yeah, it doesn't hurt to have Ricky Williams in your backfield. Miami will be steady again this season, look for a 10-6 record.

The Dolphins will have significant competition from the New England Patriots. Both of these teams had a shot to win the division on the last weekend of last year's season, but failed to do so. It ended up costing them a playoff spot. Both will have extra incentive to play hard this year. New England should be good enough to get 9 wins.

The sleeper team in this division is the Buffalo Bills. This will be Drew Bledsoe's 2nd season at the helm in Buffalo. Peerless Price is gone, but Moulds is still there. An upgraded defense should give Bills fans a reason to believe that a division title isn't out of the question. The Bills should also be 9-7. The loss of Chad Pennington all but kills the Jets' hope of making the playoffs. Their fate falls in the hands of 40 year-old Vinny Testaverde. A six-win season is realistic.

The AFC South features one of the best teams in all of football. Steve McNair and the Tennessee Titans are ready for a breakout year. They've been so close the last three years, and this might be there best chance to do it.

Oakland is a year older, and playing in the easiest division in football certainly doesn't hurt. If McNair can stay healthy, there's no reason why the Titans shouldn't finish with a 12-4 record and a Super Bowl berth.

The Colts will be the main competition in the division. The two teams square off in a big matchup in Week 2. Peyton Manning should have Pro Bowl numbers again. Indy should go 9-7. The Jaguars and Texans will both be at the bottom of the division again. Jacksonville could win 6 and the Texans will be lucky to win 5.

The AFC North will be the most interesting division in the AFC. Three teams are capable of winning the division, but all three have question marks. The Steelers are the clear favorite but could be in trouble if the secondary doesn't perform as expected. Maddox and Zereoue will be solid, Hines Ward could be Pro Bowl material this year, and they have one of the best coaches in the NFL. If the secondary performs, the Steelers could be 11-5. If not, they could drop a few games. I'll say the secondary will be decent and they'll go 10-6.

I like the Ravens a lot this year. They could be the sleeper in this division. The only question for them is Quarterback. Will Chris Redman get the nod? Or will rookie Kyle Boller be forced to carry the load. Either way I think they'll be good enough to get 8 wins, with the potential of more.

Cleveland will have a good year and I believe Kelley Holcomb will be better than people think. He'll be so good that Tim Couch won't be in Cleveland next season (I wonder if Browns fans care or not). Cleveland could sneak into the playoffs like last year, but they've got to beat the Ravens both times. Look for them to finish even with the Ravens at 8-8. As for the Bengals, they will be better, but not good enough. 5-11 at best.

The AFC West is loaded too. I'm not buying all this Kansas City hype though. Oakland is still the team to beat in my eyes. Oakland will be good enough to finish 11-5. The Broncos are my sleeper team in this division. They could sneak into the playoffs and maybe challenge Oakland for the division title. Denver should go 9-7. I don't know about Kansas City. They don't play any defense, and if Priest Holmes gets hurt, they could be in for some major trouble. I can't see them being better than 8-8. The Chargers should be exciting to watch. Being so young though, I don't think they'll contend for the playoffs. 7-9 sounds about right.

The favorites in the NFC are the returning Super Bowl Champions, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. They are my pick to win the NFC South. Tampa Bay has a good enough team to get 13 wins, but eleven or twelve is more likely. It's too bad Michael Vick is going to be injured for the first month or two of the season. Otherwise, I would have Atlanta at the top.

Atlanta will be explosive once Vick returns, but the might be too far behind at that point. Atlanta should be a solid 8-8 team. New Orleans and Carolina should compete for the playoffs as well.

New Orleans has to start beating the lower-caliber teams if they want to make the playoffs. Last year's late season debacles let the Giants sneak in and take the 6th playoff spot from them. It could be a struggle for the Saints this season. Look for a 7-9 team in New Orleans.

Carolina's defense will keep them in a lot of games. Who's going to play Quarterback though? They need to get a quick start like last season if they are going to make a run. I can't see them finishing over .500 though. They'll be right behind the Saints in the standings.

The NFC North should belong to the Packers this season. Who will challenge them? The Bears have no way of scoring points, especially against Green Bay's top defense. Can you even name two defensive players for the Lions?

The Vikings are the only team with a remote chance of competing with the Packers. But I doubt they will come close. The Packers will get 12 wins this season and easily win the North Division. Minnesota will be good and they should be around seven wins. Chicago and Detroit will finish 3rd and 4th respectively.

The NFC West could surprise some people. St. Louis is back and they will win the division. Marshall Faulk will have a big year, similar to the season he had of two years ago.

Look for St. Louis to get eleven wins. There biggest competition should be the Seattle Seahawks. That's right, the Seahawks. Shaun Alexander will have a Pro Bowl year and Matt Hassleback will be better than people think.

San Francisco will be good too, but I don't think there a playoff team. Seattle and San Francisco should both get at least eight wins. Arizona is still rebuilding. Five wins would be a successful season.

The last division is the NFC East. I've got a good feeling about the Giants. Last season's devastating playoff loss to the 49ers will be used as motivation for the Giants. It could possibly lead to a division crown.

The Eagles will be tough as always. McNabb is healthy again and should have a Pro-Bowl caliber year. Both New York and Philadelphia will finish with ten wins. It will come down to the two regular-season meetings between those two teams.

Spurrier is still trying to find himself in Washington, so look for the Redskins to struggle at times. Seven wins sounds about right for them. Bill Parcells could be coach of the year. He'll figure something out and make Quincy Carter into a solid NFL quaterback. No joke, Dallas will win seven games.

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

Am I the first Rant and Rave of the year?

What is "Scapin"?

I want two meats on my sub!

Beware of Zebra Cakes

14 million dollar campus center and no public phone! What the heck?

We love the new Club Room! Too bad no student organization is allowed to use it!

The new TUB kicks the old TUB's butt!
(It will always be the TUB!)

To whoever stole my umbrella which was left for no more than 2 minutes on teh steps of Galbreath: Karma will come around for you dude!

Don't get bamboozled

I'm glad we pay a-billion-ga-gillion dollars to go to school on Labor Day.

There need to be more save crystals on campus.
They come in handy.

It's not cheating if you're going out with both girls at the same time.

- Westminster Cross Country runners are the hottest group of men on campus.

I love the new campus center. Especially the balcony, which they fortunately keep locked.

Why "fiesta"?
I say "siesta"!
Ole!

Good one liner.

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: An Orientation

Hello and welcome back. It has already been two weeks since classes started and time is either flying or dying. Seniors probably feel like they are still freshmen and freshmen probably feel like they are still seniors (in high school that is). For the sophomores and juniors, college is a magical land that never ends and will go on forever. So whether you are a newbie or geezer, ready to get away or ready to stay forever, one thing is undeniable-the school year has started and there is no stopping it.

After the clutter of moving days, as classes trod on and tests fly by, we all get into our grooves, ruts and routines (some good, some bad). We find our friends, figure out the new TUB, and generally do what we do and life is normal. But for the freshmen, or should that be "first year students," nothing is normal. You have entered the Twilight Zone and guess what kids, this isn't highschool. Classes are different, friends are different, life is different. But do not fear, in about a month you too will discover your niche. You might be living in a haze now, but the haze clears and things get back to their new normal that's completely weird right now.

To help you get a feel for the current scene, here's a break down of all the groups you'll find on campus and what to expect from them:

Right off the bat you have the Greeks. If you have not been to a party yet what's wrong with you? On the one side you've got the fraternities, social organizations filled with men who do nothing but drink and try to get with the sororities (the female counterpart to fraternities). Then on the third side you've got the independents, students belonging to neither Greek organization, who of course hate anything remotely Greek and spend the weekends shut up in their rooms commenting on how "Un-Greek" they are.

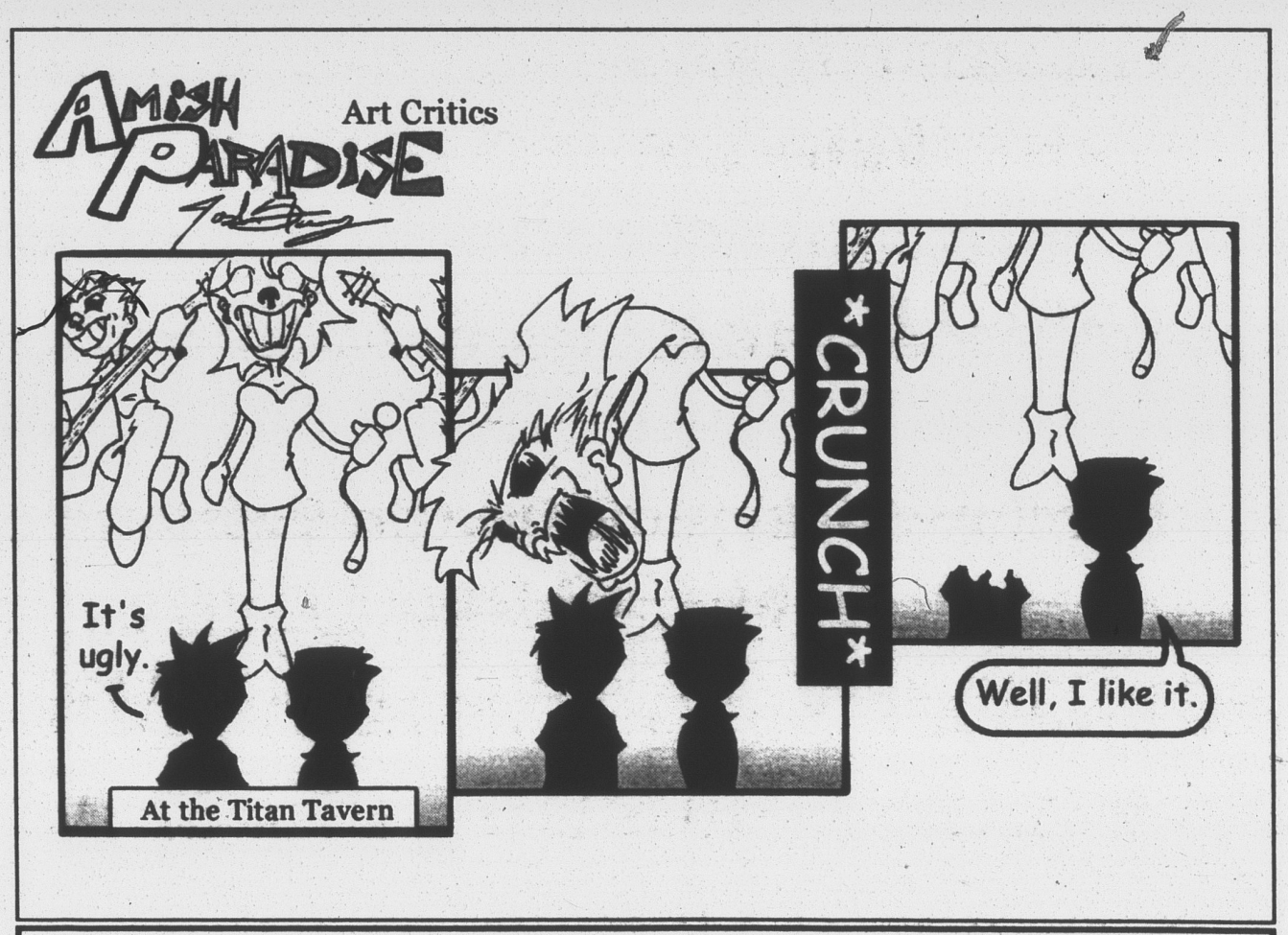
Maybe you prefer different kinds of partying. Well then Westminster has plenty to offer. The Campus Greens are a bunch of tree hugging hippies. The Young Republicans are the resident money grubbing stiff shirts. Democrats are hard to come by, but they will show up eventually come Mock Election time.

Of course there is more to do on campus than drink and fight about who really won the 2000 election. There are plenty of clubs and student organizations, like Habitat for Humanity, Allies, Seekers, Residence Life, CPC, BSU, and other acronyms, but no one really cares about those, they are just in them to boost their resumes.

And of course if you believe any of the above gibberish your GPA is going to sink faster than Hoyt..

Welcome to Westminster, a place filled with ideas, education, squirrels, and above all else people. Whenever you get a group of people together you get a range of interests, likes and dislikes. And people, being what they are, flock towards other people with the same interests, likes and dislikes. Unfortunately people also tend to stereotype and shove other people into boxes. Yes our school has all the above groups, and yes truthfully some of the people in those groups think that way, but if there is one thing you should learn from college it is that stereotypes are like hand-me-down clothes-five years out of date and never cut to fit.

Here is some real advice to first year students. Number one, do everything. Staring at the ceiling may be a fun past time, but there are a thousand better ways to spend an afternoon. Try out groups, be they organizations like the SGA or just groups of friends. Don't feel rushed. Chances are the people you know from Fresh Start and the people you're going to hang out with now will be completely different come Senior Capstone. You will be different too. College does that. Try not to fall into the stereotypical mind set of us verses them, Greeks verses Independents, Right verses Left, cool verses geek, whatever. But above all else, relax. Everything works out in the end. The freshman haze lifts and before you know it, life will be back to normal.



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Guest Editorial: From the state that gave us Reagan

by Alexandra Toumanoff
Brown Daily Herald (Brown U.)

PROVIDENCE, R.I. -- A porn star campaigns to tax breast implants. Ahhhnold tells California's Governor Gray Davis, "Consider this a divorce." The press chortles its way through course after course of gubernatorial frivolity, as California skips toward the first potentially successful recall election in its history.

A ballot more congested with political nobodies than a stuffy nose during hay fever season has the nation calling the recall a joke and a humiliation. Indeed, in addition to the porn star, the candidate list boasts Gary Coleman, Larry Flynt, a high school senior and a comedian who smashes watermelons. Who will run next? Christina Aguilera? Free Willy? The ballot dances on the edge of insanity, or, at least, a really interesting sitcom.

But parody or no, this election, more entertaining and accessible to the public than a Broadway show, has breathed fresh life into the democratic process in California.

This recall is for the people, by the people, literally. For a change,political parties are not calling the shots. We are witnessing direct democracy. Generally, only registered Democrats and Republicans (no Independents) decide who makes it onto the final ballot, and each party works hard to convince its more extreme party members to go to the voting booth on primary day. Thus, party zealots slyly weed out those pesky candidates with politics in the mushy middle, and when the election "that counts" takes place, voters are stuck with whomever the major parties have foisted on them. The exciting thing about the recall is that the political parties have not been invited to this political party.

That said, there are embarrassing and careless aspects to the upcoming election that make serious Californians quake in their sandaled shoes. The porn star, Marey Carey, wants to cure the state deficit by taxing breast implants (perhaps to make sure everyone notices that she's untaxable). Her plan to revitalize California's economy also includes making lap dances tax deductible. She intends to put a lid on crime by having men trade guns for X rated films, because, "If men had more orgasms, they'd be less violent", and when asked her thoughts on global warming, she said, "Wear less clothes." Larry Flynt, perhaps better known as the selfproclaimed "smut peddler who cares," insists installing slot machines will solve the budget crisis. "I may be paralyzed from the waist down, but I'm not paralyzed from the neck up, like Davis."

It turns out ridiculous candidates grab everyone's attention. Wasn't having perfectly groomed, plucked and delinted "I did not inhale" candidates getting a little boring? It's nice to liven things up a bit, to know this "democratic" society is not just one in which only the cookie cutter besuited, whose opinion polls and political parties rule their decisions, can run for government. In addition, we are learning all it takes is outrageous candidates to get the nation thinking seriously about California's problems.

We have had beloved politicians in office before. What makes Gray Davis different? What makes him so awful that Californians are in a fever to yank him from office? One answer is that Gray, like his name, is about as charismatic as a dish rag and was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Sept. 11 happened, and then the everlasting crisis in Iraq began, a war that was supposed to be a quick, easy victory. The citizens feel restless. They are moored in anticlimax. The cumulative effect is that Americans feel they cannot trust their government to know enough about what is going on to make good decisions, or to be honest, and a brewing distrust has stirred the soup of political resentment to a frothy boil. Throw the scoundrels out. Start clean.

This is why Schwarzenneger and others have grabbed our interest. They are not jaded, well groomed graduates of Capitol Hill whose idealism, like an old coin, has blurred and lost its shine. These politicians are proud owners of successful careers and independent sources of money, which crowns them with the sincerity cynical Californians hunger for. One reason they love Ahhhnold is that, as a native of Austria, he cannot hope to use the governorship as a springboard to the presidency.

However, what is truly exciting about this recall is that it has galvanized people. The election process is usually as dry as a trip to the plumbing section of the hardware store. This recall is the energetic sound of Californians yanking control from inept politicians and shaping their own destiny, even if that destiny is no better than what they have now. This recall is fun. No wonder the Democratic and Republican bigwigs are apoplectic. The masses have snatched the reins of power in a bloodless revolution, and are loving it.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

Summer Blockbusters

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

In a summer of a sinking economy, who would have expected a pirate ship to sail to victory? Johnny Depp, star of Pirates of the Caribbean, took a laughable, idiotic concept and created a fantasy that can thrill any audience and keep them laughing for over two and a half hours. However, the summer wasn't all swashbuckling fun, as it also produced enough garbage to rival Lake Brittain!

Pirates of the Caribbean was clearly the biggest surprise and best movie of this past summer. Excitement, big laughs, a wonderful cast, a perfect Johnny Depp, and a mischievously evil monkey made this film our top pick of the past three months. Swimming in close behind, was Pixar's engaging film, Finding Nemo. Beautiful animation shows the progression of Pixar's work over the years creating one of the most visually stunning movies of the summer. The success of the visuals did not diminish the warm-hearted story of a father and son and the trials of being a single parent. The action of the summer began with the mutant takeover of cinemas everywhere in X2: X-Men United. Doing what the original should have done, X2 explodes on the screen with action and just enough story to make it worth caring.

After a twelve year wait, Arnold burst back as promised in Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines. Focusing less on the relationship between humans and machines, as in T2, T3 is a non-stop race for survival not just for John Connor but for mankind itself. No other movie of the summer had a faster pace keeping audiences intrigued from beginning to end. Jim Carrey hit it again with the summer's funniest movie, Bruce Almighty. Keeping a similar formula to Liar, Liar, Bruce Almighty uses its clever script and talented actors to make a comedy that will be funny for years to come.

Top Five Movies of the Summer

1: Pirates of the Caribbean
2: Finding Nemo
3: X-Men 2
4: Terminator 3
5: Bruce Almighty

Some movies of the summer were a surprising disappointment. Legally Blonde 2, while still containing humorous moments, could not live up to the original's success. The Hulk had perfect direction for a comic book movie, but lacked a story and a definite despicable villain to make the Hulk worth cheering on.

Alex & Emma was simply not to the caliber that Rob Reiner has many times achieved in the past. But by far, the worst movie of the summer, if not the entire span of film history, was the schlock called Gigli. No likeable characters, no reasonable plot, and an unnecessarily offensive script to the mentally handicapped and homosexuals made this so awful, even the participating actors are beginning to shun the film. The summer did contain some surprises for those of selective interest.

Fans of stupid comedies finally got an American Pie worth watching in American Wedding. At least someone eventually told them that Stifler was the only funny character. Horror fans were treated with two hits with the first being the intense zombie flick, 28 Days Later. Most importantly was the end of a twenty year wait for Freddy vs. Jason. Doing exactly what fans of both series have come to love and desire, no other movie of the summer hit its target audience harder. For fans of more critical hits, Seabiscuit and the New Zealand hit Whale Rider were sure to please.

Students tune into VMAs for first time in Titan history

by Jillian Jordan
A&E Editor

Well, it must be cold down in Hell, because Westminster finally has MTV in the dorms, This past Thursday, students took full advantage of this miracle by tuning into the Video Music Awards for a night of music, laughter and surprises. For those of you who missed out, here's a recap.

Chris Rock started the show off by proceeding with unnecessary jokes concerning stars such as R Kelly, while insulting himself by saying that if he had known just how low of a guy Janet Jackson would settle for (Jermaine Dupri), he would have called her up a long time ago.

Ladies, I'm sure most of you who witnessed the Madonna, Britney, and Christina performance will agree that your idealized image of all three was a bit tarnished after the brief make-out session. By the way, the reason for this public display of affection was what? I'm sure little girls worldwide are dazed and confused by this unusually racy image of their beloved Crossroads star. No wonder the Enquirer has stayed in business for so long!

The performances by stars such as Beyonce Knowles, Mary J. Blige, Cold Play, 50 Cent, and many others actually exhibited talent. The choreography combined with the apparel of the stars forced all eyes to stay on those performing.

Now it's down to the awards, the part that really counts. Was it just me, or did the entirety of nominees consist of a repeat of five or six artists. Their videos may have been great and all, but couldn't MTV come up with a little more variety? Maybe I'm just getting too old for this. Missy Elliot made it through the night with the grand VMA of the Year Award.

Eminem won a few, 50 Cent won something or other, Cold Play won another, and Beyonce won a few more. To sum it up, if you performed, you were in. It was not a matter of us figuring which of the nominees announced would win, but it seemed to be a question of how many awards would each performer win? Justin Timberlake was one of the lucky ones. No performance, but a handful of awards. Surprisingly, beating out Eminem and 50 Cent wasn't as much of a shock for these two as it was for Justin, himself. He not only acknowledged their talent in his thank yous, but he spoke of a well-received appreciation for Johnny Cash, a music legend of many decades ago.

Whether you believe it not, despite my many complaints, this year's VMAs were quite a show. You got to experience some fantastic music, accompanied by some humorous people. It was a good time had by all. So, for now, if you want some good Arts and Entertainment, turn on your TV to one of our new channels. Gotta go, it's time for Trading Spaces.

Planning to graduate in December or May?

Deadline for Graduation Applications is September 30, 2003

Applications for graduation and degree audit reports were mailed to all students with 85+ semester hours. The deadline for returning the application form is Sept. 30.

Please complete and return the application form whether or not you plan to graduate this academic year.

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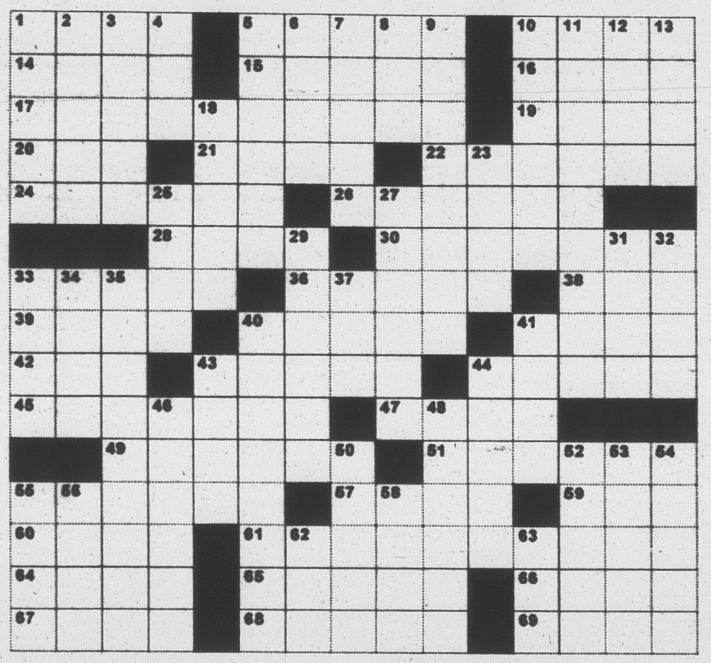
Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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Across

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5 Brace
10 Shredded cabbage
14 Lyric poems
15 Rub out
16 NYC sight
17 Beetle nostalgia
19 Handy bills
20 Recede
21 Canaveral for one
22 Lag behind
24 Mariner
26 Mender
28 Thingamajig
30 Type of strike
33 Milwaukee players
36 Gangway
38 Compete
39 Suffer
40 People who oppose
41 Dr. Casey & others
42 Barley use
43 Final bios
44 Pierre's attire
45 Grassland
47 Man, for one
49 Art style
51 Gun enclosure
55 O.T. hero
57 Underprivileged
59 JFK inits.
60 Come to rest
61 Lancer, for one
64 Region
65 Leaning
66 Touch
67 Acquires
68 Crazyweeds
69 Nightbirds

Down

1 Changes residences
2 Reader
3 toast
4 Call for
5 Waste matter
6 Mouse's concern
7 Stormed
8 Manipulate
9 Grape plant parts
10 Packed tightly
11 Safari transport, perhaps
12 Figure skating jump
13 Sensible
18 Glasgow residents
23 Feed the kitty
25 Levee
27 Francis' home town
29 Weirdo
31 Burgundy, e.g.
32 Egg holder
33 Barnyard sounds
34 John Wooden's employer
35 Suburban, e.g.
37 NYSE inits
40 Atypical
41 Sam Adams, e.g.
43 Fairy tale starter
44 Advertisement
46 Important trunks
48 Pub offerings
50 Important nerve
52 Stitch again
53 Ms. Merman
54 Formal menswear
55 '30's dance
56 Feel concerned
58 Norway VIP hangout
62 Cochran and Clark referee
63 Alien space ship

Quotable Quote

The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror witha cop in it.

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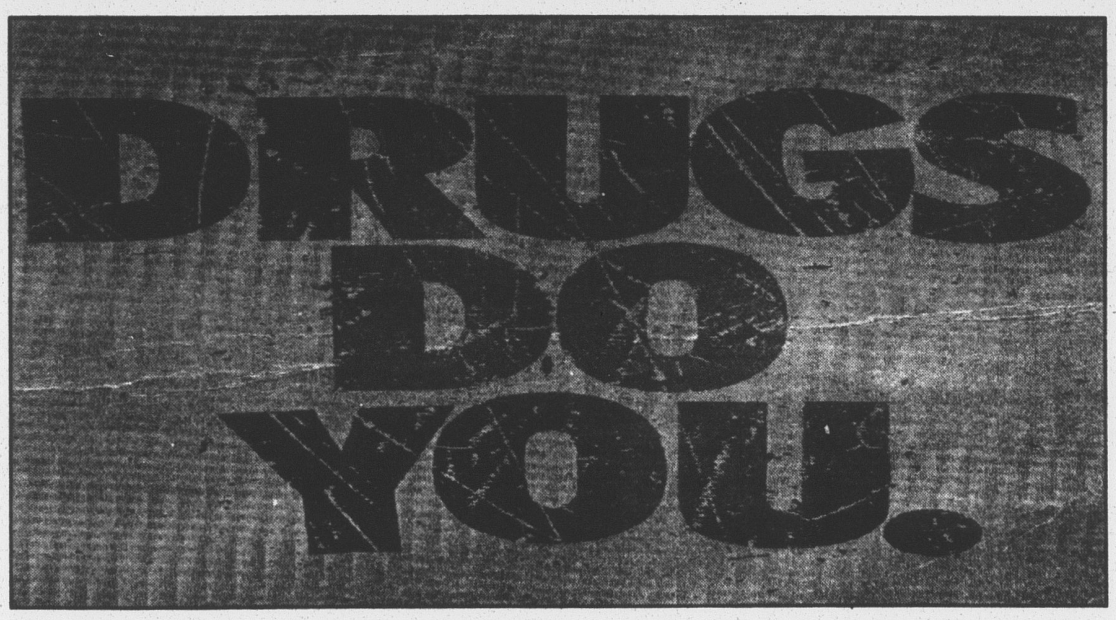


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Your mood might be cranky, resulting from tensions either at home or at work. Speak softly and avoid any disagreements with others. You are in a practical frame of mind and sharp in matters of money. It's a happy time for romance and love.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Spend extra time with family - fun and adventure will be highlighted. It may be the perfect opportunity for a heart-to-heart talk with your children. Roadblocks are likely in realizing a financial goal, you're closer than you think. Your passion deepens.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
You and your mate get along throughout the entire week. All those chores that really need to get done will be accomplished like clockwork. Your career is highlighted, so don't be surprised if you receive a raise or promotion. Keep your patience around children.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Start the week in a practical frame of mind. Take time alone and treat yourself to something that will make you feel extra special. Some co-workers are be critical and sarcastic, but otherwise work runs smoothly. Your career is about to take a big step forward. Managers are impressed with your effort.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Listen to a friend's advice on money matters - an objective point of view is what you need. Your sweetheart may be feeling neglected, and accuse you of unrealistic expectations - so make the time for romance and more intimacy. It's time for a few practical steps to improve your image.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
There will probably be a strong urge to immerse yourself in creative pursuits. Keep an open mind and you may be pleasantly surprised at the results. Both business and household projects enjoy favorable influences; and you may get a bonus for recently positive efforts.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
The more you depend on your reserves, the stronger you are. You inspire family members likewise. There are some self doubts lingering which only you can work through. Self-improvement efforts will succeed. Remember - if you can't say any thing nice, don't say anything at all.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Spend time with close friends and you'll find that your friendships and loves are very fulfilling. There is someone trying to undermine your position with flattery and bribery. Keep your cool. There will be great news about money, and possibly a new, lucrative job offer.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
It will be an effortless and pleasurable week for you. Keep in mind you do have the power to make all sorts of changes for the better. Everyone seems overly emotional as of late, so be on guard for lies and accusations. Harmony will be restored at home by week's end.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Wherever you are, you will be surrounded by friendship and luck. Unexpected money is coming your way. Both family and work responsibilities are heavy, take one situation at a time. Be aware that guidance comes through your dreams. Positive vibes continue at home.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
You need to travel in order to check out an opportunity to increase your income. Don't neglect a mate who's starving for attention. Both your professional image and reputation is boosted to new levels. Your charm and magnetism take you through any sticky situations right now.

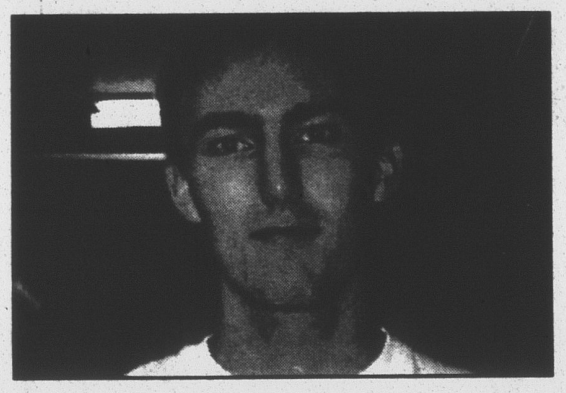
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
It's a week of heavy mental stimulation and challenges. Both innovative and unconventional approaches work. Your assertiveness takes you far at work and your family's happy and enjoys being together. Plan your entertainment and include others from the sideline.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your closest relationships are stable for now, but your inner voice may be prompting you to take time alone for self-renewal. Professional advancement is at hand, so keep yourself on the straight and narrow. Your creative urges may turn into profit.

FEATURE

Freshman Question of the Week:

What is your biggest fear about coming to college?



"Not knowing what I want to do after four years here." - **Dan Wren, freshman**

"Not being disciplined enough to keep track of both school and friends." **- Jessie Dvorzak, freshman**

"Remaining dedicated through the four years and getting a degree." **- James Sharcot, freshman**

"Getting bad grades." - Kelly Watterson, freshman

"The freshman 15." - Katie Crompton, freshman

"Falling off the lofted bed again." - Amanda Petrovich, freshman

"Having people like me and fitting in." - Elisa Cortazzo, freshman

"Adjusting. Right now I'm so overwhelmed, so it's definitely the adjustment." - Crystal Halle, freshman

"Getting everything in on time." - Andrew Dafler, freshman

Procrastination in the summer too?

by Carolyn Miller
Feature Editor

The week before Fresh Start, the campus was alive but pleasantly quiet. The cafeteria was far from crowded, and though the Orchard Street Cafe in the campus center had yet to open, I still enjoyed pushing my face into the bars to see into the new area. My new mailbox is on the top row - I'm short, and I have to stand on my tiptoes and shove my arm all the way into the box to see if I have any mail.

People started returning - friends, acquaintances, and those strange random people you know but can't remember their names, so you just smile and nod and hope you don't have them in class later on. With more students came more stories of summer vacations and jobs and internships, and I found myself more jealous than I've ever been.

See, last semester, I somehow fooled myself into believing an internship really wouldn't be that difficult to come across. We all know how it is - procrastination turns right around and slaps you in the face because it's got little better to do. Well, I suffered for it, as internships did all they could to become impossible to obtain. No problem, I'd thought after my last resume/email/phone call went unanswered. But I'm not going back to Giant Eagle. Never back to the deli.

I started looking for summer jobs the moment I returned home. Each week I applied to at least five places, searching as much as my gas tank (and dwindling bank account) would allow. Craft stores, accessory stores, retail stores, I applied everywhere. And everywhere I applied, I heard the same thing:

"We're currently accepting applications. We'll contact you."

Well, it sounded fine, until the summer was well into June and I was still jobless. Stores refused to hire college students, arguing that they'd lose half their employees when school started up again. I was down to $12 in the bank and pennies in my pocket, and I was desperate. I sent out resumes again in a feeble attempt to gain the attention of someone who would need a knowledgeable grunt in the office, but to no avail.

The last weekend of June, I had spent my last penny on a camping trip with some friends. From Friday night to Sunday morning I could forget my plight and have a little bit of fun before begging my family for money. Two days before the trip, I saw the sign by the grocery store: "La Dolce Vita will be accepting applications this Saturday and Sunday. Apply in person."

A café was moving in five minutes away from me, and I had the chance for the job. But I had already spent my money on the trip, it would be a waste to not go on it. So I drove back Sunday morning at 3 a.m. to make the appointment. I applied, the owner interviewed me on the spot, and I drove home with the words, "you're exactly what I'm looking for, I'll call you tomorrow," ringing happily in my head.

I loved working at La Dolce Vita. The atmosphere was wonderful, and I'd often go there just to sit and read in the big leather chairs. However, I did have to deal with brand new business-owners. They hired 16 people, and only had two working at a time. I ended up with two or three shifts a week for a little more than minimum wage. While I had found a job, and a pleasant one at that, I was still hurting for money.

I never found any other way of earning money over the summer, and returned to Westminster with a measly amount of money in my account. Then I had to transfer it into a new Sky Bank account anyway, thanks to the oh-so-thoughtfully late announcement of the new ATM in the campus center.

So now I'm back on campus, working two jobs on top of a full class schedule to hopefully get back to where I was before, financially. Yes, I learned my lesson, procrastination is bad. Very bad.

The only question is how long it'll be until I convince myself otherwise. I seem to be good at that.

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11:40 am Chapel
4:00 pm W Soccer in Classic Tournament vs. Pitt-Greensburg (H)
6:00 pm Volleyball @ Wooster Tournament
8:00 pm Dance Party - MCC Club

SATURDAY 6

9:00 am Volleyball @ Wooster Tournament
10:00 am SGA FALL FEST - MCC and Quad
11:00 am W Tennis vs. W&J (H)
Noon M Soccer vs. Thomas More (H)
Football @ Walsh
Cross Country @ Thiel Invitational
2:00 pm W Soccer Classic Tournament vs. Thomas More (H)
2:00 pm Fall Fest Event: Comedian Troy Thirdgill - MCC
3:00 pm Fall Fest Event: Comedian Daniel Tosh - MCC
7:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY 7

6:15 pm IFC Meeting
7:00 pm Vespers
8:30 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 311/312
8:30 pm Kappa Delta Meeting - MCC Witherspoon
9:00 pm Movie - MCC 219

MONDAY 8

11:40 am Chapel
5:00 pm Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
9:00 pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes
9:30 pm Lambda Sigma Meeting

TUESDAY 9

Last Day to Add ($15 Fee)
4:00 pm W Tennis @ Bethany
5:30 pm SAA Meeting
8:30 pm Student Pre-Law Meeting - PH 231

WEDNESDAY 10

11:40 am Faculty Forum - MCC 219
4:00 pm M Soccer vs. Pitt-Greensburg (H)
7:00 pm SGA Meeting - MCC 219
9:30 pm Seekers Fellowship

THURSDAY 11

11:00 am Support Staff Meeting - MCC 255

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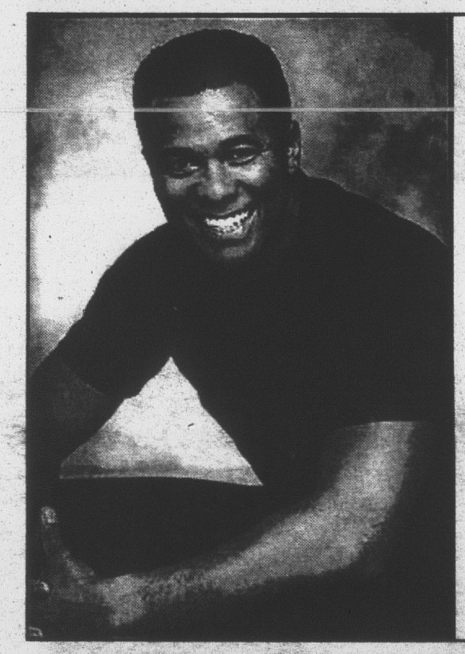

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Troy Thirdgill

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On the Quad
Outside
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DANIEL TOSH

Saturday 3:00 outside McKelvey

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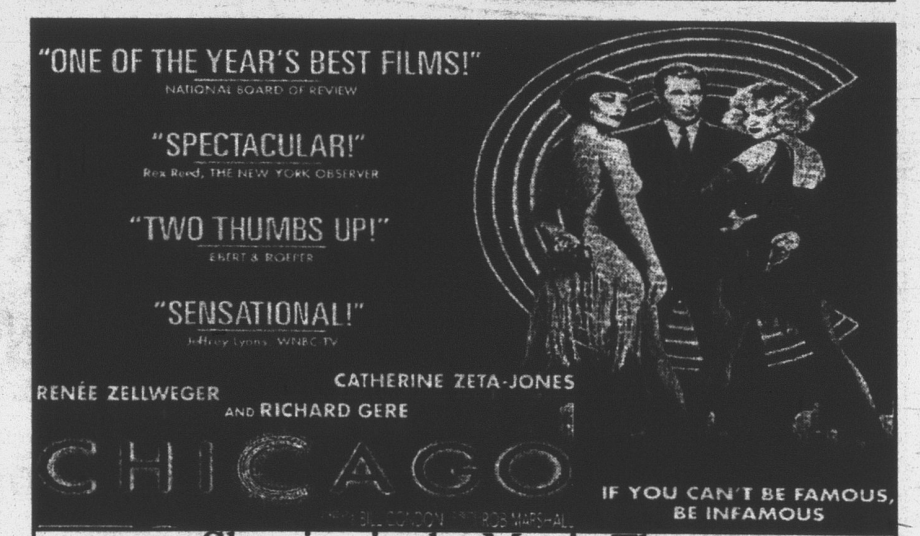

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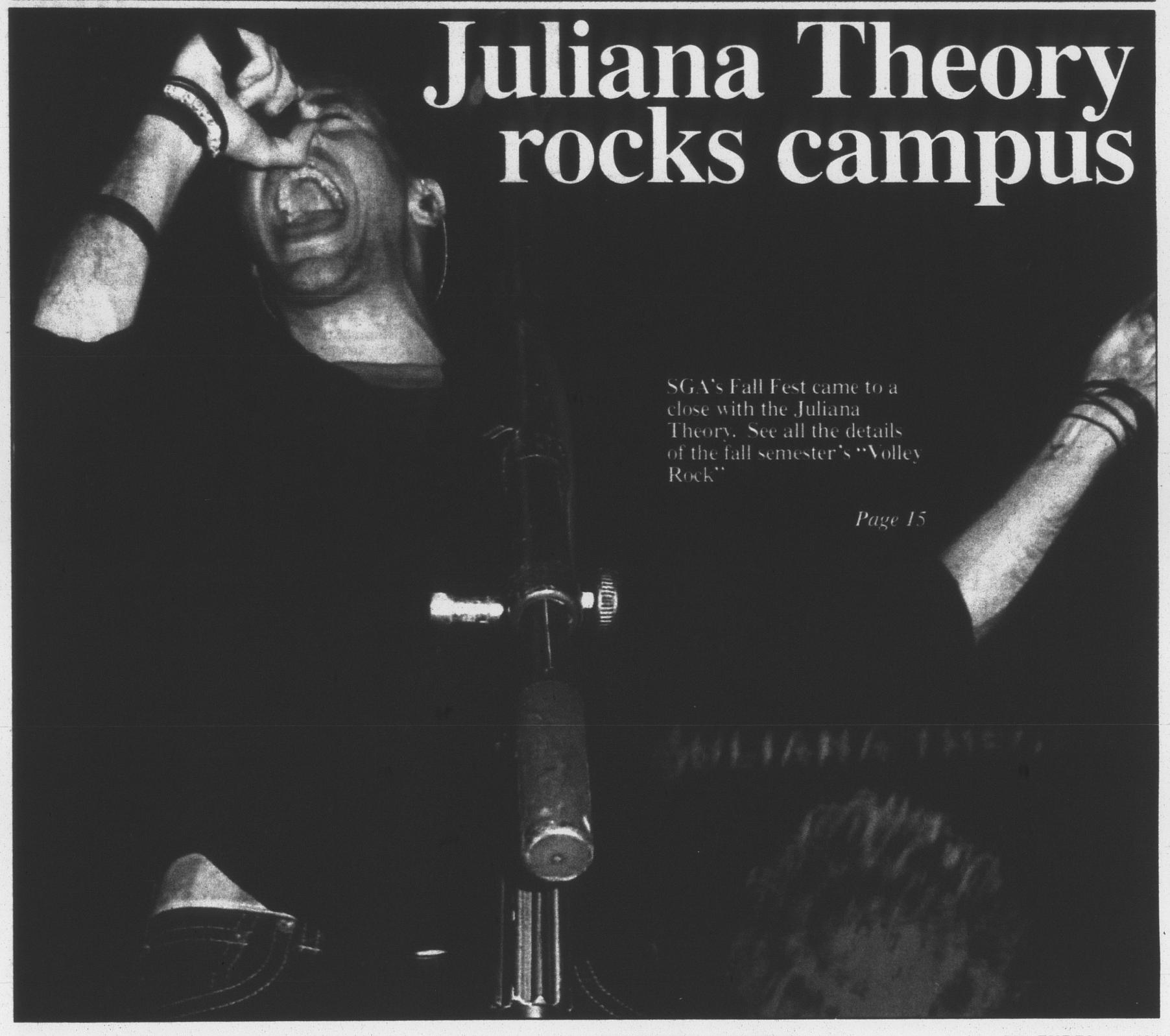
Juliana Theory rocks campus



SGA's Fall Fest came to a close with the Juliana Theory. See all the details of the fall semester's "Volley Rock"

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CAMPUS NEWS

Secretary blessed by 1,000 paper prayers

by Megan Sigler
Co-Editor-in-Chief

In a vivid and poignant narrative, Liv Ullman tells the inspirational story of Sadako Sasaki in her book, Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes. The book's heroine, a young Japanese girl on the threshold of adolescence, develops leukemia from the effects of radiation caused by the bombing of Hiroshima. While hospitalized, her closest friend reminds her of the Japanese legend that if she folds 1,000 paper cranes, the gods might grant her wish to be well again. With hope and determination, Sadako begins folding.

Inspired by Ullman's heartrending story, the campus community set out to create a miracle of its own this summer. On the second week of July, Communications Department Secretary Linda Travers underwent a serious operation after being diagnosed with cancer. By late August, her condition had significantly improved. But it was not until her return to campus on the third day of classes that Travers' health and hope was fully restored.

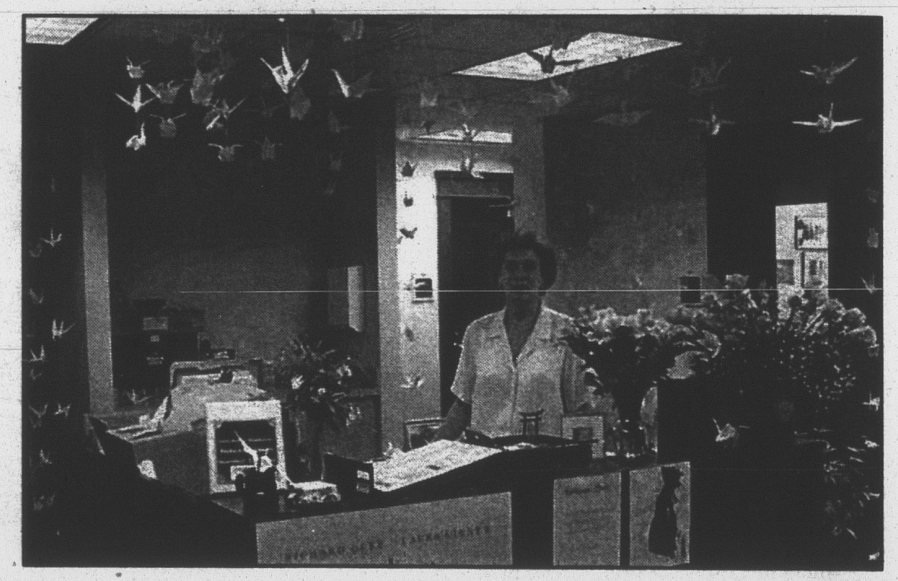
Upon walking into her office for the first time in over a month, she was greeted with a miraculous display of close to 1,000 paper cranes meticulously strung about the department and the joyous faces of her dearest co-workers and friends.

"I immediately called my husband and son to come over," Travers said. "I couldn't even describe it; it was something that you just have to see. Of course, they were expecting get well cards and flowers, which there were plenty of, but this...this was unbelievable."

Travers felt the most unbelievable concept of the display was that each crane was more than just a folded piece of paper, but an actual prayer. "That's what totally blew me away," she said. "Every time I walk in here, I'm totally blown away all over again."

The idea of the paper cranes all originated from a discussion among Communications Professors Mr. James Cherney, Dr. Scott Mackenzie and Mr. Brad Weaver, who wanted to honor Travers in a truly meaningful way that would get as many people involved as possible.

The response from the campus community was far-reaching indeed, expanding far beyond the members of the department. More than 100 people replied with interest to a campus wide e-mail Cherney had sent out in July asking for participants. The 1,100 pieces of paper that were later distributed across the area to concerned families, students and faculty members began literally flying back to the department in the form of cranes. Cherney, who had experience in folding cranes for his wedding, even hosted parties throughout the month to teach people the art of origami.



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Communications Department Secretary Linda Travers stands among a display of close to 1,000 paper cranes

After the cranes were folded, the Westminster Speech and Debate Team assisted in stringing the cranes about the department with thread and sequins. Erin Halpin, captain-elect of the Speech and Debate Team, explained that all of their hard work was worth it in the end. "It is truly a testimony of the human heart," she said. "This was definitely a project that gives you a case of the warm fuzzies."

At the completion of the month-long process, about 80 people had been involved in the project. According to Cherney, an activity of this magnitude could never take place at a larger school like it can at Westminster.

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Parking changes still frustrate students

by Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

Parking policies, a long disputed part of Westminster life, have changed this year with the inception of a new plan that guarantees a spot to any student who purchases a parking decal, while simultaneously limiting usage of cars to off-campus transportation only and restricting students to specific lots. This new plan, according to Assistant Dean of Public Safety John Lechner, is the product of an ad-hoc parking committee assembled to address the volatile issue of on-campus parking.

The former parking system, according to Lechner, sold more parking decals than there were lots at each residence hall, and spaces were taken on a first come, first serve basis. Students who could not find a spot in their residence lot were forced to park in an "overflow" lot that might have been a considerable distance away from their dormitory.

A major problem with the old system was that many students felt the decal warranted them a parking place within their residency lot regardless, and so many chose to park illegally. Lechner also reports students parking in restricted areas, particularly in a zone marked off behind Galbreath. "That lot gets so jammed up with cars that we can't get delivery trucks in there," Lechner said.

The new plan requires students to buy a parking decal of the color that matches a certain lot. "We did not oversell so everyone who has the right color decal has a spot at their residence hall," Lechner said.

The plan is not without consequences for students. "Here's the major point: What it's founded on," Lechner said. "Westminster College is now a pedestrian campus. We expect for students to conduct all campus activities on foot, and that vehicles be used to access off-campus activities only."

Other students have been further inconvenienced by the placement of their assigned lots. Lechner cites instances of women at Browne Hall being required to park in Lot C, by the Admissions House, because their lot has only eleven spaces. Jefferson and Russell are also currently sharing Westminster Drive and the Field House lot because their residency lots were given to the upper-classmen dorms, Hillside and Eichenauer, respectively.

Lechner says the reason for some of these decisions is based on class rank-Russell and Jefferson are primarily first-year dormitories, and preference is given to seniority. Decals were made available to upperclassmen first. "So all our upperclass students," Lechner says, "had first whack at parking places."

Students on campus criticize the plan for several immediate problems. "It's good on paper," said junior Christy Carlson. "But when it actually happens, it doesn't work, because when even one person parks where they shouldn't, it screws up the entire system."

Senior Alan Higby agrees. "I don't like the fact that other people don't have parking passes, and aren't getting ticketed."

Lechner describes the current phase of the Westminster plan as a "short honey moon period" that will soon be over. Enforcement is expected to be strict, with special "trigger mechanisms" set in place to curb repeat offenders.

"If you're ticketed three times on campus without a decal, parking privileges for that car will not be given," Lechner said. "And it will be towed, each time. You might as well take that car home." Lechner expects towing fees to begin at $75.

Additionally, after seven tickets for any combination of offenses, parking privileges will be taken until the end of the year on the eighth violation, and the car will be towed each time it is parked on campus.

The campus does not require a trigger mechanism to tow any car on campus parked in restricted zones, such as the marked off areas at the Galbreath and Field House lots. Lechner designates these areas as important for delivery trucks.

Lechner also admits that, "a number of residents without decals in Eichenauer are taking spaces away from students who have paid." This problem may also be surfacing in the Field House lots, and those near the bridge. "In every instance," Lechner says, "if you see it, we would like to be notified, so we can ticket the cars."

The ad-hoc committee that put the new plan together consisted of faculty, support staff, and members of the administration. Once the committee had determined its course of action, the plan was submitted to the Student Government Association for review, commentary and possible modification. The plan also underwent approval from the college president's staff.

"We have a lot of people on board," said Lechner. "I wasn't just willy-nilly, throw a plan out there." Additionally, Lechner reports that the trigger mechanisms had originally been set higher before they were reduced by recommendation of the SGA.

Some students have barely felt the changes in the plan. "For me, personally, it doesn't really effect me. Because I only really use my car to drive off campus," said sophomore Eric Cortez.

Other students, such as senior Pam Sloan, describe the situation as "absolutely asinine." "I'm not parking downtown," Sloan says, "I'm parking on a campus I spend 26,000 dollars to attend."

Lechner assures that student opinions will remain varied, since some will be affected more than others. He also says that the plan may change or evolve over time. "You really don't know the shortcomings of a plan till you've lived with it, and if we have to make modifications, we will."

Lieutenant and WC graduate speaks of war in Iraq

by **Elizabeth Grepp**
Staff Writer

Lieutenant Chris Buckley, Westminster graduate and chemistry major, always dreamed of being an astronaut. His quest to accomplish this led him to the United States Air Force.

Buckley is a graduate of Union High School and from New Castle. After graduating from Westminster, he attended officer training school. After completion he attended flight school for a year. While he was there, the tragedy of September 11 occurred and as soon as he finished he was sent to Afghanistan. Buckley was also there for the first night in Iraq.

Buckley came to Westminster to speak about his experiences in an open forum at the peace studies coffeehouse. There were over 50 students who attended the event, which was put together by Andrea Grove. He answered questions asked by students and relayed stories of his experiences. He began by telling people that everything he said was merely his opinion and not necessarily the opinion of the Air Force or the Armed Forces as a whole.

He spoke of his responsibilities, which were to get the bombs ready to drop. He flew on B52s and launched cruise missiles from far away. He spoke of his first flight and how he was prepared for the worst with his mask on and hand on the eject button while his commanding officer sat there with a Gatorade in his hand and the plane on cruise control.

Buckley spoke openly about the conflict in Iraq admitting that the major combat is not over despite what President Bush has said. He went on to say that people who stayed are dodging bullets because as soon as the victory had been declared, Americans were told to get out rather than stay until things were under control.

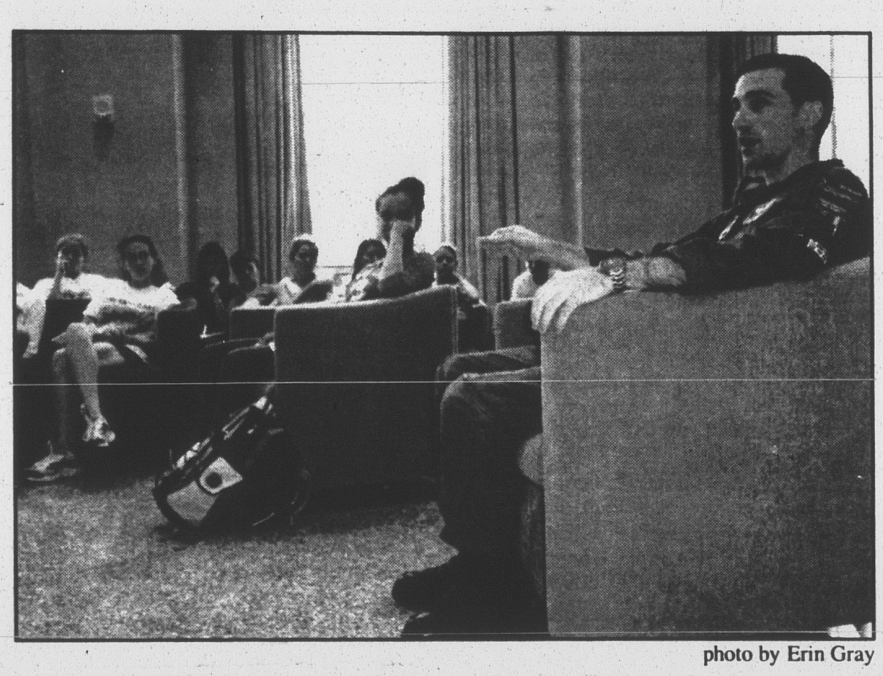

photo by Erin Gray

Lt. Chris Buckley talks with students at the Peace Studies Coffeehouse on Sept. 3

Osama Bin Laden was also discussed. Buckley is of the opinion that his body will never be found, but he is dead. He also made the point that what the American people really want is a body and that more than likely this is something that they will not get. However, he said that he knows for a fact that Mohammed Omar is still alive because Buckley had been following him from the sky, waiting to drop a bomb on his car and kill him. He never got the order because the government wanted to bring him in alive to put him on trial. Unfortunately the car got away, so Mohammed Omar is still at large.

Buckley spoke candidly about the reasons for the war. He said he believes the war was fought for three reasons; the liberation of the Iraqi people, to destroy weaponry such as chemical weapons and nuclear weapons and finally oil.

"People say children are America's most precious resource, I can assure you it's petroleum," said Buckley.

He was very opinionated about September 11.. "I can sum up 9/11 in two words, job security," said Buckley. He discussed the fact that former President Bill Clinton was the one who cut down the military, leaving only those who truly wanted to be there. Despite this fact, President George W. Bush is the one who has gotten credit for it because he is the one who has implemented use of the Armed Forces.

Buckley spoke openly about his opinion of the United Nations as well. His attitude is that the U.N. does not do anything and that when they are involved it doesn't help. He also feels that America doesn't need the U.N. that other countries need the U.N. Despite this he thinks that the United States needs to begin thinking more globally.

He was also asked about the link between Al-Qaida and Iraq. He said that despite the fact that the link was very weak, it was there. He was not allowed to say what the link was because that is classified information but he also said that if the American people found out what the link was, they would understand why it was classified.

Senior political science major Kenneth Jae attended the event. He goes to all of the peace studies events. "I disagreed with most of what he said," said Jae. "But I thought it was a good experience because I try to stay open to all ideas and opinions."

In closing, Buckley presented a flag to the college which flew in Iraq as well as a piece of paper and a picture of the flag verifying its authenticity.

Hoyt experiences problems with drainage system

by **Isaac Ludwig**
Senior Staff Writer

Hoyt Science Center experienced a problem with the drainage system this week. The Physical Plant speculates that cumulative buildup caused water to drain onto the floor of Philips Lecture Hall. The problem with the drains also caused the labs in the science center to close, thus affecting some science classes, especially the chemistry labs.

Physical Plant Director Owen Wagner explained that the water has been cleaned up and the room has been sanitized. The drainage system in Hoyt is different than the systems in the rest of the campus buildings.

Since the many of the labs are used for chemistry and various chemicals are disposed of in the building, the water from Hoyt passes through one of two tanks, which neutralize the water through a limestone bed, so it can pass into the regular septic system.

Two sewage treatment companies came yesterday to lift the lid and suck everything out of the neutralization tanks. The material will have to be treated as hazardous waste, even if it's water. After everything is sucked out they put in new limestone.

The problem is very much under control. "I have no environmental concerns," Wagner said.

As far as class scheduling goes, some classes were canceled, but others simply changed the lab location and activity.

"The departments are responsible for scheduling the labs, so they made there own decision," Registrar June Garner said.

In other Physical Plant news, a building permit was recently secured to repair the bridge from Galbreath to Eichenauer over McClures's Run creek.

The bridge was damaged due to heavy rains the night of September 2. Wagner said he hopes to have the project completed and the bridge reopened by the September 19.

A press release from the school updated the situation on Sept. 11 in a campus wide e-mail:

"The Hoyt neutralizing tank on the East side the building has been cleaned and the area around the Preschool entrance is now open to all pedestrian traffic... The maintenance on the neutralizing tank on the south side has been rescheduled for October 13."

Campus Snapshots

photo by Lindsey Robertson

Students "kick off" Fall Fest with a flag football tournament

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"It is a great show of the sense of community on our campus and of the depth with which people have love and regard for Linda," Cherney said.

While thanking all of the members of the campus community who were involved in this project, Travers beams with heartfelt love and appreciation. "I can't say enough. I'm just totally overwhelmed," she said. "During the summer, I really thought I was getting better because I was following the doctors' orders, and then I came back here to see all of these wonderful people. I firmly believe they have everything to do with me getting better."

Career Center provides guidance for the "real world"

by Sara Ialongo
Staff Writer

The Career Center is not just for seniors. Students of all classes are encouraged to use the facilities the center has to offer.

"The staff of the Career Center focuses on helping students throughout their four years of college, and beyond that, as alumni," said Career Center Director Jackie Meade.

Students have numerous opportunities to prepare for their job or internship searches. "If someone is interested in getting some practical work experience before going out and looking for a full-time job, we assist in finding internships," said Assistant Director Janet Waugaman. "It is never too late to look for an internship."

Many students take advantage of the Career Center as underclassmen. Tara Timpano, a junior sociology major, appreciates having the facilities at her disposal. "It pays off to have a career center on campus to help with resumes and cover letters," Timpano said.

On Sept. 25, the Senior Seminar will give seniors an opportunity to hear from a nationally known speaker and author, Don Asher. Asher is a recognized authority on how to land dream jobs and graduate schools. He will be talking on both subjects, and seniors who attend will also receive a special gift from the Career Center.

Later on in the year, seniors will have a chance to learn about business etiquette. On Feb. 18, the Career Center hosts "Dress-for-Success Style Show and Etiquette Dinner." The purpose of this event is to bring a guest speaker on campus to help students prepare for a job interview over a meal. The speaker offers suggestions on what to do and what not to do during an interview.

The Career Center provides weekly e-mail listings of full-time, part-time, and internship positions. Senior broadcast communications major, Craig Rechichar, appreciates the many services the center offers. "I like the emails they send us for local job opportunities," he said. "I'm looking forward to attending the resume workshop as well."

Other seniors are no strangers to the women behind-the-scenes who are busy scheduling events and accommodating the students. "The women at the Career Center are always willing to help with whatever I need and they're always friendly," said senior education major Pam Wasilewski.

"We keep a library of information about businesses and trends in the work place so that our students can be knowledgeable when they interview for jobs," Meade said. "One of the best things we can do for students is provide information." The following services are available to all students.

On-Campus Recruiting. Recruiters from business, industry, education, non-profit organizations, and government agencies come to campus to interview seniors for professional, post-graduate positions.

Titan Employment Bulletin. A weekly bulletin that is e-mailed to seniors and alumni and includes the on-campus recruiting schedule, full-time professional job opportunities, and upcoming job/graduate school fair information.

Co-Curricular Transcript. A computerized transcript in Word table format that will provide a record of your leadership, activities, achievements, community service, and professional development. Use it to keep track of both your campus and community involvement and as a tool in preparing your resume, graduate school application and/or portfolio. A template is available on the R:/ drive.

E-Portfolio. A new way to showcase your education, achievements, credentials, and skills to share with potential employers or graduate schools. It is a professional electronic portfolio put on CD or the Web. The intention is to supplement paper-based materials with an electronic or web-based version. It enables the viewer to have a student's resume, letters of reference, transcripts, evaluations and work samples.

Located on the third level of McKelvey Campus Center, the Career Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Handouts and other useful information can be acquired at the center.

Senior Events & Dates To Remember

Resume Workshop	September 2
Senior Seminar	September 25
Graduate School Seminar	September 25
Accounting Consortium Interviews	October 1
Resume & Cover Letter Workshop	October 16
Resume Workshop	November 6
WestPacs Fall Job Fair	November 13
Interviewing Workshop/Mock Interviews	December 2
Etiquette Dinners/Style Show	February 18
WestPacs Spring Job Fair	March 11
PERC Teachers' Job Fair	April 9

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Bank robbery and bomb blast raise questions

ERIE, Pa. (AP) A woman whose garage was searched Friday by investigators looking into the death of a pizza delivery man killed in a bomb explosion after a bank robbery said she was shown a photograph of a man and asked whether he had access to her garage.

Marilyn Torres, 37, who has lived in the home for three years, said no one in her family recognized the man. She said only she, her 21-year-old son, her boyfriend and his father had access to the garage, which was kept locked and is accessible by a keypad or a key.

Willie Feliciano, 40, Torres' boyfriend, said investigators told him they believe the man they are looking for came to the garage often. Investigators also asked if he'd seen a red Lincoln Continental with whitewall tires around the neighborhood, about two miles west of downtown Erie. He said he had not.

Feliciano said investigators took some tools, including screwdrivers, duct tape, a piece of a rug, and some bolts and ratchets from the two-car detached garage.

FBI agent Bill Crowley, who is acting as a spokesman for the investigation in northwestern Pennsylvania, would not comment on any aspect of the search.

Police, meanwhile, maintain that they responded quickly before Brian Douglas Wells died Aug. 28 when a bomb that hung from a locked, metal collar around his neck exploded. Wells, a 46-year-old pizza deliveryman, asked police to help him get the bomb off, saying someone made him rob the bank.

A bomb squad was still two miles away when the explosive detonated, even though a witness had called 40 minutes earlier to warn police that the robber had a bomb. Wells asked police to help him get the bomb off, saying someone made him rob the bank.

On the day of the robbery, an unidentified witness called 911 at 2:38 p.m. to report that a man with a bomb hanging from his neck had walked out of the bank with a bag full of cash. Police arrested Wells minutes after he walked out of a PNC Bank branch near Erie, but they didn't call the bomb squad until 3:04 p.m., 26 minutes after the 911 call was placed.

According to the 911 call, the witness said, the robber was sitting in the parking lot of a McDonalds, which is located next to an eyeglasses shop where Wells was arrested.

"You saw him with the bomb or whatever it was?" the dispatcher said.

"Yes, he's got it strapped around his neck," the caller said.

An FBI spokesman said state and local police did everything right in handling the bomb. A telephone call to state police Cpl. Mark Zaleski was not immediately returned Friday.

Erie police Chief Charles E. Bowers said state police called the bomb squad at 3:04 p.m. Because two of the officers were off duty and the squad had to get their equipment, the squad did not arrive until a few minutes after 3:18 p.m., when the bomb exploded.

The chief said it was not surprising that police didn't call for a bomb squad until they were certain there was a bomb. He said often bank robbers say they have an explosive when they don't.

"I don't know when they (state police) finally determined ... a bomb squad was needed," Bowers said.

Had the bomb squad arrived on time, members would have tried to either dismantle the pipe bomb-like device or remove it from Wells, Bowers said. He described the explosive as smokeless powder in a metal canister.

Investigators say they are trying to determine whether Wells acted alone or if he was coerced into robbing the bank. Before he died, Wells apparently tried to give police directions to three locations to find keys that could potentially stop a timer on the bomb.

Wells can be seen on video captured by local television station WJET telling police that someone started a timer on the bomb. Although parts of the video are inaudible, Wells could be heard saying "let me tell you where to get the keys" and "next light." A law enforcement source told The Associated Press on Thursday that a note instructed Wells to go to three locations after robbing the bank.

The bomb, strapped over a gray T-shirt and under a white T-shirt, weighted down Wells' neck, and he used his legs to support the device as he sat with his hands handcuffed behind his back.

Wells dropped out of East High School in Erie during his sophomore year in the fall of 1972 in order to work. His transcript shows average work, mostly B's and C's in math, geography and science, according to current Principal Anthony LaRocco. He received an A in swimming and failed several classes, mostly because of attendance, a former teacher said.

"If he had attended school more often and had put forth the effort, he would have been fine," said Carole Petrungar, 57, who retired from East high several years ago. "I would say he was of average intelligence. He just didn't want to be in school."

NATIONAL

Former abuse victim now practices law as his revenge

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) The details do not repel him. He has heard them before. The emotions do not shock. He has felt them. He, too, has wanted to simply die rather than feel angry and shamed and hopelessly damaged.

Lawyer Ryan DiMaria listens to the graphic, heartbreaking details of those sexually abused by priests because he can. Because, he says, it happened to him.

"I know what a victim goes through on the inside," says the 30-year-old attorney who helps represent more than 50 clients suing the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Los Angeles and the diocese in adjacent Orange County.

He says he was 17 the first time Monsignor Michael Harris, the principal of his Catholic high school in Southern California, fondled him.

The fondling became oral copulation and continued for four years, DiMaria said, until at age 21, possessed by rage and fear and self-destruction, he thought up a plan to kill himself.

He called his father to say goodbye. "But I started crying and I couldn't stop" and eventually, the abuse tumbled out. DiMaria was lucky. His father believed him. Supported by his family, DiMaria filed suit against the dioceses of Los Angeles and Orange County. After a long, bitter battle that went to the California Supreme Court and back, he received a settlement of $5.2 million - and a written apology from both dioceses; the adoption of a code of conduct, and the establishment of a victims assistance program.

Known as "Father Hollywood" because of his charisma and good looks, Harris was defrocked by the Vatican. But in a written statement released after the settlement, Harris denied wrongdoing. He was also accused by other male students, but was never criminally charged.

DiMaria chose law school because "I thought it was a profession where I could be in control" after years of being controlled by someone else. "It's power. If something bad is going on, I can fix it. If someone is doing something bad, I can shut them down."

He would learn that neither life nor the law is that simple. He clerked for John Manly of Costa Mesa, Calif., one of the lawyers involved in his civil suit. He worked real estate cases and stayed away from the church files. The firm also employs a former Benedictine monk who once cleaned up and covered up the sexual and financial sins of priests.

After about six months of hearing tidbits in the law office's halls, DiMaria decided he couldn't stay away from the abuse suits. He asked Manly, "Can we see if I can work on these cases and not have it tear me up emotionally?"

He eased into the work. His job: interviewing abuse victims. He learned he could tolerate it. He also learned that for him and his subject, the process was cathartic.

But it is never easy. "My voice trembles when I talk to them," he says.

New York City police officer charged with sexual abuse with a minor

ALBANY, Ore. (AP) A New York City police officer who came here to share his Sept. 11 experiences has been charged with sexually abusing a high school girl in Linn County.

Matthew B. DeGennaro, 32, of New City, N.Y., was arrested Friday in New York by members of the New York City and Clarkstown police departments.

He was being held Saturday at the Rockland County Jail on a $200,000 bond, pending extradition to Oregon.

A Linn County grand jury indicted DeGennaro on charges of using a child in a display of sexually explicit conduct and encouraging child sexual abuse.

In a statement, Corvallis police said they discovered photographs of the victim and suspect, taken in a hotel room in Linn County.

DeGennaro has visited Linn County at least three times, once each in March and August 2002 and again this past April.

In 2002, DeGennaro visited the mid-Willamette Valley and gave talks at several schools about his experience as a member of the Manhattan South Evidence Collection Team, which was assigned to the disaster scene at the World Trade Center.

Andy Olson, then a lieutenant with the Oregon State Police, and Lt. Steve Bowen of the Corvallis Fire Department both met DeGennaro in November 2001 when they traveled to New York to help with the aftermath of the attacks.

"He told us he would love to be able to share the story (in Oregon)," Olson said. "I feel sick to my stomach over this."

DeGennaro spoke at South and West Albany high schools, Corvallis High School and Santiam Christian School. He stayed at Olson and Bowen's homes.

DeGennaro contacted Bowen during an August 2002 trip, Bowen recalled, although he did not stay at Bowen's home.

Santiam Christian, Corvallis and West Albany high school principals said they had not been involved in any police investigation and weren't aware of charges.

Death concerns New Orleans tourism officials about international visitors

NEW ORLEANS (AP) Tourism officials were concerned that the apparent strangulation of a Japanese woman could hurt international travel to Louisiana, as did the 1992 shooting death of a Japanese exchange student in Baton Rouge.

Police suspect the partially clad corpse found Thursday on the west bank of the Mississippi River is that of Kanako Ohyama, 21, who had been missing since Monday. Ohyama had been staying at a youth hostel in New Orleans; a hostel worker had told her how to take the ferry to Algiers, the west bank neighborhood where the body was found.

Coroner Frank Minyard said he couldn't confirm the woman is Ohyama because of discrepancies between tooth fillings and Ohyama's four-year-old Japanese dental record. Dental X-rays are being flown in from Japan and might not be analyzed until early next week, Minyard said.

Some of Ohyama's belongings, including her purse, were found near the body.

Tourism officials fear a drop in foreign visitors such as the one seen in 1992 after exchange student Yoshihiro Hattori was killed in Baton Rouge. Heading to a Halloween party, he mistakenly appeared at a stranger's door and, wrongly perceived as a threat, was shot in the chest.

Coverage of the incident hurt international travel to Louisiana, especially by Japanese, although the extent of the damage was hard to measure, said Beverly Gianna, vice president of the New Orleans Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau. Gianna said crimes against visitors are rare.

"We hope that it doesn't have any impact, but we're all realistic enough to know that it probably will," Gianna said.

The Japanese Consulate in New Orleans helped police establish contact with Ohyama's family. New Orleans Deputy Consul Hitoshi Kawahara said the case is sure to tarnish New Orleans' reputation, saying he was not aware of any previous slaying of a Japanese tourist in the city.

National Briefs

22 year old case to go to trial

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) The trial for a man accused of killing a Coralville woman 22 years ago was scheduled to begin Monday.

Richard Douglas Dodd, 46, is accused of raping and shooting 22-year-old Vicki Lynn Klotzbach.

Her body was found Oct. 23, 1981, her arms bound behind her back and tape over her eyes, in a field on Coralville's north side.

She had been reported missing three days earlier.

Prosecutors said they have matched Dodd to the murder weapon and have DNA from Klotzbach's body.

If convicted, Dodd faces mandatory life sentences for the murder and kidnapping charges.

He already is serving a life sentence for the 1984 kidnapping and rape of a 10-year-old girl in Des Moines.

Klotzbach moved to Coralville in 1981 to take a job at University Hospitals. She had been working for about two weeks when she failed to report for work.

Dodd lived in Oakdale, about a mile from where Klotzbach was found, court documents said.

Defense attorneys tried to suppress a photo lineup and other evidence at a hearing Friday.

District Judge Patrick Grady is expected to rule before trial on the motions.

The trial is expected to last more than one week.

Counseling program in jeopardy

NEW YORK (AP) Officials with the city Fire Department are worried that the end of a federally funded counseling program established after the World Trade Center attack could leave thousands of firefighters without counseling as long-term effects of the attack begin to set in.

The Project Liberty program is set to end on Dec. 31 and officials are looking for new ways to keep it going.

"We can't just let it end," said Dr. Kerry J. Kelly, chief medical officer of the department told The New York Times in Sunday editions. "We need to have continued funding. I cannot stress how important this money is."

The program was created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It gave the New York State Health Department more than $130 million in the months after the terrorist attack for crisis counseling programs in the department, city schools and other places.

About $8.5 million was allotted to the Fire Department for the expansion of counseling service and to help firefighters deal with grief and other problems that stemmed from the Sept. 11 attack.

But federal officials have said that it could be extended, if an extension is requested.

"We have no desire to turn anything off while there's still a need there," said Brad Gair, a spokesman for FEMA. "For some of the key projects involving kids and firemen, we're definitely interested in extending them."

Shooting in celeb's barbershop

MIAMI (AP) Three or four hooded gunmen walked into a barbershop co-owned by pro basketball star Alonzo Mourning and killed two men who had just gotten haircuts, police said.

The victims were both in their early 20s, officers said.

"Both were shot in the head. It seems like a message," police Lt. Lorenzo Whitehead said. No one else was injured in the shooting Saturday, including a 1-year-old child who was with one of the victims.

The Cutz barbershop is owned by Mourning, a former Miami Heat star now with the New Jersey Nets, and barber Peter Bethel.

Mourning's agent, Jeff Wechsler, did not immediately return a call seeking comment Sunday. There is no phone listing for Bethel in Miami.

The shop's neighborhood, in the northern part of Miami, has attracted upscale restaurants and businesses as it has been redeveloped.

"This is a really classy spot. A lot of celebrities come here," said Paul Jenkins, a regular Cutz customer. "Nothing would ever indicate that this would happen here."

INTERNATIONAL

Cuban exiles to stand trial for multiple charges against Castro

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) Four Cuban exiles originally accused of trying to blow up Cuban President Fidel Castro will stand trial on charges of conspiracy, possessing explosives and endangering the public's safety, a Panamanian judge has ruled.

Luis Posada Carriles, Gaspar Jimenez, Guillermo Novo and Pedro Remon were arrested after the Cuban president denounced a plot to kill him during an Ibero-American summit that was held in Panama's capital in November 2000.

Local courts had ruled there wasn't enough evidence to arrest the Cubans for attempted murder, but Panamanian authorities said the men had gathered explosives in the country.

"There is sufficient merit and evidence" to go to trial, judge Enrique Paniza said Friday. He set a trial date for Nov. 12.

The defendants have denied any involvement in a plot to kill Castro and claimed they came to Panama from Costa Rica because they had been told that a senior security aide to the Cuban president, Gen. Eduardo Delgado, planned to defect in this country.

But Panamanian authorities found explosives hidden outside Panama City after Castro made his accusations in November 2000 and say they have evidence linking them to Posada and the others.

In Cuba on Saturday, the government news agency Prensa Latina gave the judge's decision top billing, but lamented that the four defendants would not be tried on terrorism charges.

Cuban officials claim that the Miami-based Cuban American National Foundation, a powerful exile group opposed to President Fidel Castro's government, funded Posada Carriles. Prensa Latina reported that the organization had sent members to the preliminary hearing to pressure the judge into acquitting the defendants.

"Having dedicated their lives to fighting for the liberation of Cuba, they see this as a part of the same fight and are disposed to continue devoting the rest of their lives to this cause," said Rogelio Cruz, the attorney for the Cuban exiles.

Posada and Jimenez will face additional charges of falsifying documents, having entered Panama with false passports.

In his decision the judge highlighted testimony from Jose Valladares, a Panamana resident accused of letting the four Cubans stay at his home. Valladares died under house in October 2002.

The judge also said his decision was based on the reports that the exiles were involved in illegal activities in other countries.

Posada, a veteran of the U.S.-run Bay of Pigs operation and former CIA operative, was acquitted in a bombing trial in Venezuela but remained imprisoned until he escaped in 1985. He has admitted organizing several Cuban hotel bombings that killed an Italian tourist and injured 11 other people in 1997.

Remon, 57, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison in 1986 in the March 1980 attempted murder of Cuba's former delegate to the United Nations and to an attempted bombing of the Cuban U.N. Mission in December 1979.

IRA car bomber suspect arraigned on charges of conspiracy

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) A suspected Irish Republican Army dissident faced 15 charges Saturday, including possession of key parts of the car bomb used to kill 29 people in Northern Ireland's deadliest explosion.

The apparent breakthrough in a five-year hunt for those responsible for bombing Omagh came as David Trimble, the Protestant politician central to the survival of Northern Ireland's peace process, narrowly defeated a hard-line challenge within his divided Ulster Unionist Party.

Trimble, who has faced repeated Ulster Unionist revolts because of his support for the Good Friday peace accord of 1998, triumphed in a 443-359 vote of his party's grassroots council.

The victory allowed him to proceed with plans to suspend or expel three senior critics, who oppose plans for reviving a joint Catholic-Protestant government. Trimble, who had led the power-sharing government until its collapse last October, could have been ousted as party leader had he lost the vote.

In Craigavon Magistrates Court southwest of Belfast, Sean Hoey was arraigned on charges he possessed explosive devices used in 13 dissident IRA attacks, including the Aug. 15, 1998 strike on Omagh; had conspired to bomb the predominantly Protestant town of Lisburn 3 1/2 months earlier; and was a member of a breakaway faction of the outlawed IRA.

A police detective testified that Hoey had pleaded not guilty when initially informed of the charges against him Friday in a police station, where he had been interrogated for three days.

Hoey became the second person to be charged in connection with the blast at Omagh, when police responding to confusing telephoned warnings accidentally evacuated civilians towards the 500-pound (225 kg) car bomb. In the neighboring Republic of Ireland, IRA veteran Colm Murphy was convicted in January 2002 of supplying the mobile phones used by the bombers and received a 14-year prison term.

Saturday's Omagh-related charge accused Hoey of possessing the timer-power unit of the Omagh bomb "on a date unknown" between March 12, 1997, and Aug. 16, 1998. Forensics experts who spent weeks combing through the Omagh rubble recovered remains of the timer-power unit, the heart of the bomb that triggered its detonation.

The detective, who wasn't identified by name in court, testified that part of the prosecution case would seek to link those remains to forensic evidence gleaned from a car bomb successfully defused by British army experts in Lisburn on April 30, 1998.

In the Irish Republic, meanwhile, police arrested a 20-year-old man Saturday after finding a dissident IRA weapons dump containing explosives and ammunition in a house in the western town of Sligo.

Northern Ireland police backed by British troops in helicopters swooped on Hoey's home Tuesday in the South Armagh borderland, the IRA's primary venue for bomb-making ever since the secretive organization began mounting attacks in the British territory in 1970.

International Briefs

Rebels suspect of bombing

GAUHATI, India (AP) Suspected separatist rebels hurled a grenade in a busy market in India's remote northeastern state of Assam on Sunday, injuring 13 people, police said.

The grenade exploded on a crowded street next to a popular cinema in Gauhati, Assam's capital. The injured were taken to a nearby hospital, said Hiren Nath, police superintendent of Gauhati.

Police were investigating and had started to question witnesses, he said.

Eyewitnesses said people fled in panic after the explosion which damaged a few shop fronts.

"I was walking past the cinema when there was a loud explosion. Some debris hit me on my hand," said Umesh Kumar Malakar from his hospital bed, his arm swathed in bandages.

No group has claimed responsibility for the explosion, but police said the attack appeared to be the work of rebels who frequently launch grenade and bomb attacks, mostly on government-owned facilities or passenger trains.

The outlawed United Liberation Front of Asom has been fighting security forces since 1979 for Assam's independence from India. The rebels accuse the federal government of exploiting the region's rich timber and mineral resources while neglecting the local economy.

Military injured in bombing

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia (AP) Seven Russian soldiers were killed and another 15 servicemen and police wounded in clashes with rebels throughout Chechnya, including the heavily militarized capital, an official in the Moscow-backed Chechen administration said Sunday.

The report of the deaths in the previous 24-hour period underlined the rebels' capacity to inflict casualties on Russian forces despite being far outnumbered and more lightly equipped.

Russian warplanes and artillery launch attacks daily on suspected rebel positions, but the insurgents respond with hit-and-run attacks, ambushes and land mines and remote-detonated explosives.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said five of the soldiers were killed when Russian outposts came under rebel fire. The other two were killed by mines.

Two police were wounded and a rebel was killed in a clash in a neighborhood of the capital Grozny, where rebel infiltration is strong despite the massive Russian military presence there.

Russian forces withdrew from Chechnya in 1996 after a disastrous 20-month war, but returned in late September 1999 after Chechnya-based insurgents mounted incursions into neighboring Dagestan and after the deaths of some 300 people in apartment bombings that officials blamed on the rebels.

Floods turn deadly

BEIJING (AP) Flash flooding in central China's scenic mountain district killed three tourists over the weekend and left two others missing, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Floods struck Saturday afternoon as the visitors were traveling by bus in Hubei province above the site of the massive Three Gorges Dam on the Yangtze river, Xinhua said. Rescuers pulled the driver and five tourists from their bus after it was trapped by water, but others were swept away.

Three bodies were found Sunday but teams are still searching for the other two tourists, the report said.

Dozens have died in flooding this year in Hubei and neighboring Shaanxi province brought on by unusually heavy rainfall. Villagers and paramilitary troops were on inspecting embankments around-the-clock to guard against breaches as high waters began passing downstream into the Yangtze, state television reported.

Simulated terror attacks

LONDON (AP) Police staged a chemical weapons attack on the London Underground on Sunday, simulating a terror strike underneath the heart of the financial district near the mayor's residence.

Hundreds of police and emergency services personnel conducted the drill in the Square Mile to test how well emergency services would react to a terrorist strike. Police closed off a subway station and surrounding streets for the exercise.

The Department of Transport said the drill, the first large-scale exercise since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States, was not a response to a specific threat.

"Most people realize that we live in extremely difficult times. We've got to prepare against all sorts of eventualities," Transport Secretary Alistair Darling told Sky News television.

In the simulation, a subway train stopped in a tunnel on its approach to Bank station as if a chemical weapon was released on board.

Police cadets posing as passengers were evacuated and "treated" by emergency workers and Fire Brigade units using new $88 million decontamination equipment set up in tents above ground.

More than 350,000 people work in the Square Mile on an average weekday and the Bank of England, the London Stock Exchange and the official residence of the Lord Mayor of London are all located in the immediate area.

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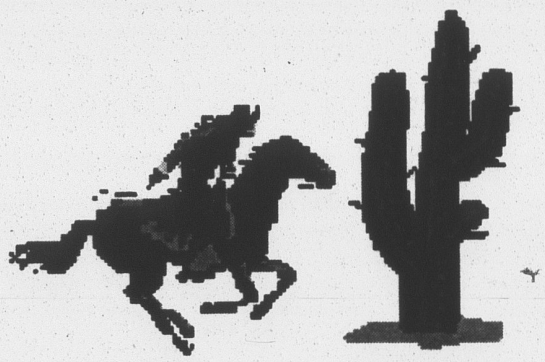

SPORTS

Titan fall athletics: weekend wrapup

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

Last weekend, while the rest of Westminster's students indulged in the games and activities of Fall Fest, the Titan fall sports programs were busy in competition.

The football team, men's and women's soccer teams, and the cross country squads saw action this weekend.

In their season opener, the Titan football steam fell to the Walsh Cavaliers, 43-20, at Fawcett Stadium in Canton, OH.

Though the Titans lost, junior running back Scott Froelich, an All-American candidate, gained 101 yards on 23 carries, while scoring a one-yard touchdown.

Defensively, juniors' safety Mike Kohowski and linebacker Tom Kaminsky performed well in what was the first collegiate start for both. Kohowski forced two fumbles, incepted a pass, and poster a half sack, while Kaminski recorded ten tackles, tying for the team lead with junior safety Kevin Kresinski.

"We played a good team in Walsh," Kaminsky said. "We're a young defense and can build upon our learning experiences."

While the Titan gridders traveled to Canton, the cross country teams made the brief trip to Greenville to compete in the Thiel Invitational. The men placed second out of seven teams, while the Lady Titans placed sixth out of nine teams.

For the men, though finishing second behind Penn State-Behrend, the Titans finished ahead of other President's Athletic Conference participants: Bethany, Waynesburg, and Thiel.

Senior Tim Snyder paced the men, finishing second overall. Snyder was joined among the top by seniors Sean Gallagher, John Libert, and juniors Marcus Corvino and Brad Zerbe.

"As of right now, we have the best times in the PAC," Corvino said. "Grove City is a close second but as a team we're collectively better."

Junior Felicie Reid paced the Lady Titans, finishing sixth.

While the men's football team and the cross country squads traveled for action this weekend, the women's soccer team remained in New Wilmington, hosting the Thomas More (Ky.) Saints.

The Lady Titans fell, 3-0, dropping their season record to 3-2.

The Lady Titans were out shot, 8-6. Junior goalkeeper Nicole Drummond poster five saves in the loss.

"Nicole played a good game," junior midfielder Katie Fisher said. "We just couldn't find the goal."

While the football team is idle this weekend, the cross country squads travel north to compete in the Penn State-Behrend Invitational on September 13. They will be joined by the Lady Titan soccer squad who also travels to Penn State Behrend on the same day.

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Men's Soccer Falls to 1-4 After 2-0 Non-Conference Loss to Pitt-Greensburg

College football rivalry highlights

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

The NFL season is underway and there are some monstrous games coming up this weekend. With that in mind, let's not forget about those season-altering college football games that will also be played.

In the NFL, teams can afford to "slip up" once or twice in the opening month and still be considered Super Bowl contenders.

Not in college though. September is a month where national championship contenders are separated from the pretenders.

Early season slip-ups (N.C. State, Auburn) can cost your team a shot at walking down Bourbon Street even before conference play begins.

With that being said, let's look at a huge rivalry game that could make this weekend memorable.

Notre Dame and Michigan is the most anticipated match up of the weekend. Michigan has wanted payback ever since the "Phantom Touchdown" that ended the 1st half of last season's meeting (a touchdown that Michigan fans believe shouldn't have been counted).

Michigan didn't play well in the big games last season. Their three biggest games of the year (Notre Dame, Ohio State, and Iowa) all resulted in losses.

The Wolverines are out to prove to the nation that they can compete for a national championship. Well, their road to New Orleans starts this weekend at home in the Big House. Everything is in place for Michigan this season.

They get the Irish and Ohio State at home, and the other two Big Ten powers (Penn State, and Wisconsin) are off the schedule. Their toughest road game is at Oregon.

If anyone has seen the Ducks' new fluorescent yellow jerseys, then you know it could be a potential roadblock for the Wolverines.

Nevertheless, Michigan has favorable schedule to make a run at the national championship. The question is: Can they step it up in the big games unlike a year ago? We will find out a lot about this Michigan football team on Saturday.

Apparently, the Notre Dame Fighting Irish have carried over their good fortunes into this season. What a valiant effort by coach Tyrone Willingham's team last weekend. A lot of teams would've given up after being down 19-0. Coach Willingham wouldn't allow that though.

The Irish got some big runs from their veteran tailbacks and they fought hard the entire game and ended up with the victory. Will that Irish luck continue this week? They are going to need some of it against Michigan, as over a hundred thousand people will be in attendance.

Notre Dame's starters mainly consist of upperclassman, but the offensive line is young and inexperienced. Only one starter returns from one of last season's best offensive lines.

It's going to be a hostile environment in Ann Arbor, and that unit better come ready to play.

The key for Notre Dame is whether or not they can stop the very talented Michigan offense. Notre Dame's defense looked a little sluggish at times against Washington State last weekend.

However, preseason All-American Linebacker canadiate Courtney Watson didn't play. He will be in the lineup for this week's game.

If the defense can play better, and stop Michigan running back Chris Perry from having another 200 yard day, Notre Dame could pull off the upset.

For Michigan, the key is scoring early and often. They need to force the Irish to have to comeback like they did last weekend against WSU.

It's a lot harder coming from behind on the road, than it is in front of 80,00 screaming Irish fans.

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

The "Toilet Paper" needs to be flushed!!!

Can we have some fresh Rice Krispie treats in the cafe?

Sometimes playing hard to get is hard to get.

The pictures on the Rant and Rave boxes are facetious.

Thumbs up for fireballs in strategic locations.

McKelvey is a super-cool building. No, really!

The shortest distance between two points has dysfunctional foot bridges between them.

Eenie meenie mineie... Chainsaw!

Titan Net has trapped me! Save me Help Desk!

I have your umbrella. HA HA HA HEE HEE HEE

That was definitely not a placebo!

I eat dinosaurs

All the cute ones R straight

Meh!

$10 says the bridge won't be fixed untl Spring. Any takers?

The toilets in the Campus Center scare me. They spit at you when you flush!

61 channels and I can't see 1

Do any of you think that anyone on this campus can make it down the bannister in Dennis the Menace type style?

Yay for smart people!

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: Mullets

Mullets are ugly. Who can deny that? Face it, McGuyver was the only one who could ever pull them off. Mullets were a bad trend in an era of bad trends and better left in the past. The same thing goes for mesh hats and tech pants (you know those pants that zipper off and turn into shorts—two, two, two clothes in one!). They are dumb, but does that stop people from wearing them? Of course not. For some reason, people like to latch onto fads, hold tight and never let go. Fix something in someone's mind, really fix it, make it stick and some will stay trapped in that moment of time forever.

You have heard the catch phrases before: "stuck in the seventies," "stuck in the eighties," "throw backs," "neo-hippies," "neo-fascists." People find a time they like living in and try to stay there forever: The Good Old Days, the Golden Age, "When I was your age." In the end it comes down to someone's desire to stay in a safe place. Somewhere they know everyone and everything, during some time when they have a grasp everything. How many first-years do you hear talking about high school? "At my high school we did this." "At my high school it was like this." Everyone goes through that transition stage when everything is compared to high school. And when you graduate, everything will be compared to college, your hometown, your old job, your ex-boyfriend, and your ex-girlfriend. Those are all the things you know or knew. The past has happened and despite what happened there you know it and that makes it safe.

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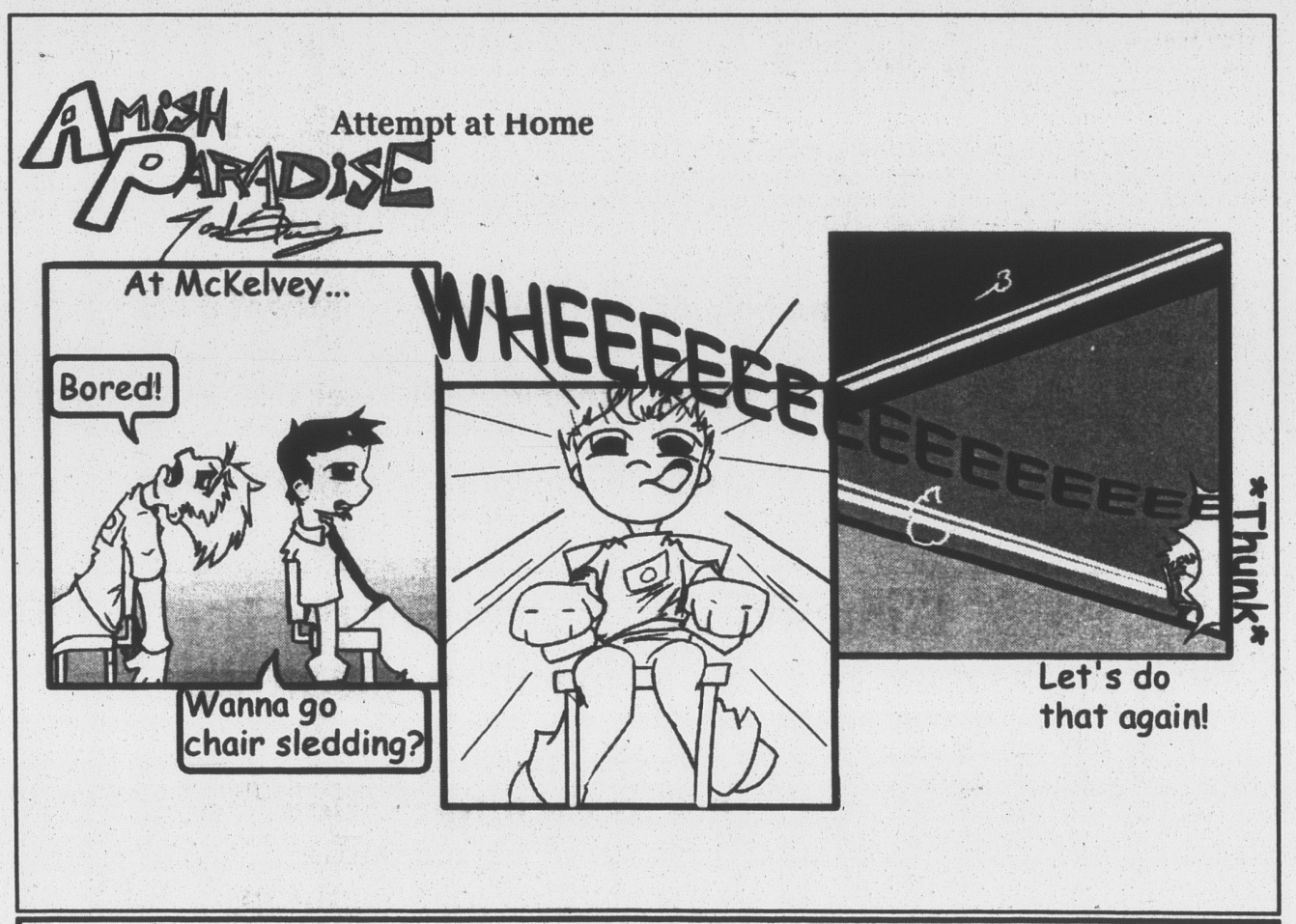
However the future...that is unknown and therefore scary. Humans fear what they do not know. So even if the past was painful, even if they got beat up every day in their old school, even if their old job paid minimum wage and their old boss was a pervert, they fell safe remembering the old instead of looking forward to the new.

Some respect has to be paid to the road you have traveled. You need to know where you have been before you know where you are going. Reminiscing can give you a warm feeling and give you strength to tackle that new class with the drill sergeant professor. But while you look back, do not forget to keep going on.

Change is natural. In fact it is the only constant in your life besides death. Things change, people and places change, and you have to change and move on. Let the past stay in the past, but do not allow it to haunt your future.

Learn to let embarrassment slide. So your belt snapped in the seventh grade and Rachel Whatshername saw London, France and your underpants. Don't let that stop you from wearing belts. So Mr. Redhairgreatsmile turned you down for the prom, don't let that stop you from asking Mr. Blondehairbettersmile to the formal. The point is to learn from the past, not to live in it. Let things go. Do not hold grudges. Forgive and forget. Do unto others. You know the clichés. Listen to them once in a while. Otherwise you too could become a bad hair cut.



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Guest Editorial: The cage of the age is normalcy

by Shannon Baldwin
Rocky Mountain Collegian

FORT COLLINS, Colo. -- Those car commercials that celebrate the driver who is daring, different -- who strays from the paved road and makes his own rules. The individual (just like everybody else) who marches to the beat of their own drum and refuses to color between the lines is desirable.

But just try explaining that to the police officer who snared you in that darn speed trap -- clocking you at 20 mph over the limit. Perhaps it is just a hoax of marketing clashing with the realities of rules placed down for our own safety (not unlike the USA PATRIOT Act), or perhaps it is an indication of a bigger reality of society. Normalcy.

If Jesus were to have come to his ministry in this age, rather than 2,000 years ago, I am convinced he would not have been crucified. He would simply have been institutionalized; drugged and theorapied until he came to realize that challenging the established and accepted norms was just plain crazy.

What is this need our society has to enforce conformity to the accepted norms? Whether it is more formal controls including an actual medical diagnosis and medicinal treatment of the mindset or behavior, or that of social discipline and rejection, deviants outside the perimeters of the accepted behavioral spectrum are subjected to the confinement of reason. Or as J.S. Mill put it, "the tyranny of the majority."

It is a strange byproduct of time that in one age in society an aspect or behavior of a person would be inexcusable, in the later age it would upgrade to being treatable, and then perhaps to just being different.

Homosexuality has had a strange path in the western consciousness, and in parts of society and the world all of these views still exist. In ancient Greece and Rome it was an integral part of society, then changed to a bane and a punishable sin in Christendom (among others), then to a mental illness to be treated in the middle of the last century, to a separate part of society, some of which wish to legislate against, some of which are accepting, some of which are completely indifferent to the situation.

Michel Foucault writes of madness in past ages, where idleness (in a society with protestant work ethics) was considered the door to unreason and beggars were rounded up and forced to work in the city sewers; chained and made productive to society. "If the wild beast can be broken to the yoke, it must not be despaired of correcting the man who has strayed" was a popular motto of dealing with the 'insane' in 'prisons of moral order.'

Perhaps now we do not consider the state of poverty to be equivalent to madness. Although the way some complain about the leeches of society who live through government social programs, perhaps there are still remnants of that thought lurking behind a slightly different deviant label: Laziness.

Labels are very important in being able to control the fringes of society. Without labels, it would be more difficult to rally an agreement on the acceptable management of the deviation.

Not to make light of mental conditions where the individual is a real danger to others, it is an interesting thing to watch the progression of diagnostics of mild deviations such as ADD and Autism. I never paid attention in elementary school, was horribly unorganized and forgetful, and a shy recluse to those I was not very familiar with. If I were a child today, would they medicate me? I can't help but wonder at the tale time will tell of our swift action to correct the 'problems', which in western medicine really means placating the symptom.

With Autism, a 'disorder' characterized by an uncanny attention to detail with a distinctive lack of affection and emotion, would years ago just have been considered generally odd, and left alone. Perhaps there are cases which benefit from the treatments devised for the condition, but perhaps our tendency to diagnose (label) and correct every 'misstep' over an evanescent social line is more an indication of a general desire to control and eradicate differences.

The time of Don Quixote has passed -- that age where 'madness' was almost celebrated (and culture exploded with innovation from deviant thinkers) or at least 'fools' allowed to wonder freely as they pleased. The marketplace of ideas is ever narrowed and restricted.

There is no impossible dream, so stop dreaming and take your pills.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

The Order

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

Rogue priests, thousand year old guys who can eat sins, and one skinhead girl in a dress. Sound exciting? No, we didn't think so either. The Order begins like any other religious thriller. LONG. After we are introduced to our unsympathetic hero Alex, played by a subdued Heath Ledger, we learn of strange happenings in Rome, within a sect of the Catholic Church. Alex ventures to Rome to investigate the situation, under the assumption that he has some sort of special gift other priests don't possess. Don't mind worrying what that gift is because at no point is any clue given. With Alex in Rome, he meets a, get this, mysterious man. Shocked as we were to see this guy, he actually turns out to be the most sympathetic character in this fiasco. Why is this guy mysterious? He eats sins! Yes...sins. The ones you and I commit everyday he eats for the small fee of an original Picasso painting. Or friendship depending on the person. Alex befriends our man in black, despite seeing him as the obvious villain, who tempts Alex with a different cardinal sin about every five minutes. We guess. Time lost its course during the viewing of this film. Way too long of a story short, Alex gets the picture and seeks vengeance on the sin eater. One twist of fate later, and well I'm sure you can guess what happened, if not, don't worry, you don't want to know.

> **Rogue priests, thousand year old guys who can eat sins, and one skinhead girl in a dress. Sound exciting? No, we didn't think so either.**

The Order takes everything the Catholic church stands for and mocks it in every single frame. Think God's the only way into heaven? The Order doesn't. You ever see demon children? Alex sees them everyday! Have you fallen in love, with a woman that tried to kill you? Why not, jump on Alex's bandwagon! Point is, with neither of us being Catholic, we couldn't pick out the numerous fallacies and negations of God in general, that this movie assumes to be true. If you are a Catholic, Christian, or a fan of any God, stay away. Odds are, you'll be offended.

Technically though, this movie is still crap! We guess there was a director, but since he was writing and producing at the same time, maybe he felt that he just didn't need to get behind the camera at all. Of course, he didn't seem to write much of anything either, but is that really a surprise by now? Typically poor special effects hindered the movie just as much as anything except for maybe the fact that they forgot to budget a single light bulb for any shot in this movie. But if you don't trust us, keep in mind that we're not alone. Critics around the globe are hailing the cinematic and box-office failure of The Order.

Since, there's not much more to say about this movie, we'd like to use it to introduce you to our rating system. First we'll base movies on general letter grades; requirements to be met that just about every critic goes by. For example, The Shawshank Redemption would be a solid A. The Order gets a generous D. The next grade we'll give will compare the movie to other films in a similar genre. Take The Omen, a classic A movie in the religious thriller genre. Now take The Order through it in the garbage and mark F. Get it? Good. We'll see you next week, hopefully with something above the level of quality of Tub food.

Reality is certainly not what it used to be

by Jillian Jordan
A&E Editor

Reality isn't what it used to be. In the Honors Colloquium, we've been reading a book titled just that. When we broke up into groups this week for discussion, our group got into a discussion on reality TV shows and why America has become so addicted to them. After all, we've heard rumors that parts or whole chunks of the reality we are seeing is scripted material, intended to add drama that wouldn't exist otherwise. I think it's a shame that so many of us have gotten hooked on these shows to the point that we put off our own realities of life and jump into the lives of "actors" in a reality TV show. Believe me, I'm not criticizing anyone, because I, too, am an addict. I can't wait for tonight's Paradise Hotel episode. I think the question that I find myself and many other asking is why are we so fantasized by these shows?

To be totally truthful, many reality shows portray good-looking, somewhat intelligent people. Come on now, half of the people we meet in our daily lives do not look and act the way these so-called "real" people do. Unfortunately, shows such as The Bachelor, Survivor, The Real World, Road Rules, and many others are mistakenly named as a reality show, but under what pretense? I think that when these types of shows started, for example, with Real World in the early nineties, the shows really were reality-based. The people appearing on them were people- not characters with distinctive personalities. Now, all you see are people trying their best at allowing the reality show outlet to be their gateway into stardom.

As an example, (since it's one of my favorites) Toni on Paradise Hotel is the designated moron who insists on starting trouble and causing excessive drama and tear-jerking scenes wherever she steps foot. Then, there's Zack who tried to be the bully, and ended up getting kicked off the show. Strange resemblance to Puck from Real World, huh? The stereotypical tendencies of reality shows are endless. We become so addicted to them because they are extreme personalities that we find to be entertaining and humorous. They are, in fact, the exact opposite of what we call them- fictional, magical transformations of normal television sitcoms and dramas, just with a bit less experienced cast. The majority of people on reality shows aren't famous actors and actresses, but most tend to be unemployed, depressing slobs that are trying as hard as possible to allow their brief televised performance to prove their "innate talent for Hollywood." Unfortunately for them, yet fortunately for us, most never make it to the big time.

For others, such as Bob on the first Bachelorette, his sincere nice-guy personality displayed on the show is actually getting him somewhere. Actually, it's gotten him his own selection of twenty some women to choose from! On September 24, the new Bachelor will begin its season, led by big-hearted guy of the bunch, Bob. And, no, that wasn't a "fat joke," Bob. So for now, keep watching your reality shows, but just don't get too hooked. Alright, time for Paradise Hotel.

Florida universities crack down on illegal file-sharing

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) _ With students back on campus, several Florida universities are working to prevent illegal file-sharing to help in the music and movie industries' ongoing battle against online piracy.

The universities want to free up space for legitimate academic needs and their tactics coincide with an aggressive anti-piracy effort by the music industy's largest trade group _ whose members have watched compact disc sales decline as illegal file-sharing has grown.

The University of Florida in Gainesville began using locally developed software this summer allowing the housing department to detect and stop file-sharing among students in its dorms.

Students caught in the act twice are shut off for five days from Internet access while those caught a third time lose Internet privileges indefinitely.

Over the summer, 1,200 students were caught sharing music, movies or pornography. Four were eventually banned from the computer network, said Rob Bird, UF's coordinator of network services.

``Most students stop after the first warning," Bird said.

In Florida State University dormitories, computer technicians purposely segregated large transmissions, as file-sharing programs often require, into narrow bandwidths forcing traffic jams and making it difficult to download files.

Students at Florida International University, meanwhile, are barred from receiving any file larger than 13 megabytes and sending a file larger than five megabytes. A single compact disc holds more than 600 megabytes and one song typically ranges between three and five megabytes.

Last month the Recording Industry Association of America subpoenaed nearly 1,000 Internet service providers, including seven colleges, for identities of alleged pirates. And on Monday, the industry filed 261 lawsuits across the country against individual Internet users who have allegedly shared music illegally.

Rich Taylor, vice president for public affairs for the Motion Picture Association of America, called the universities' efforts ``good news."

``The greater the reduction in looting and digital shoplifting, the greater the chance that legitimate legal online options will grow," Taylor said.

Brie Mereness, an 18-year-old University of Florida freshman, said she wiped clean her computer hard drive of all file-sharing software after hearing about possible ramifications during an orientation session.

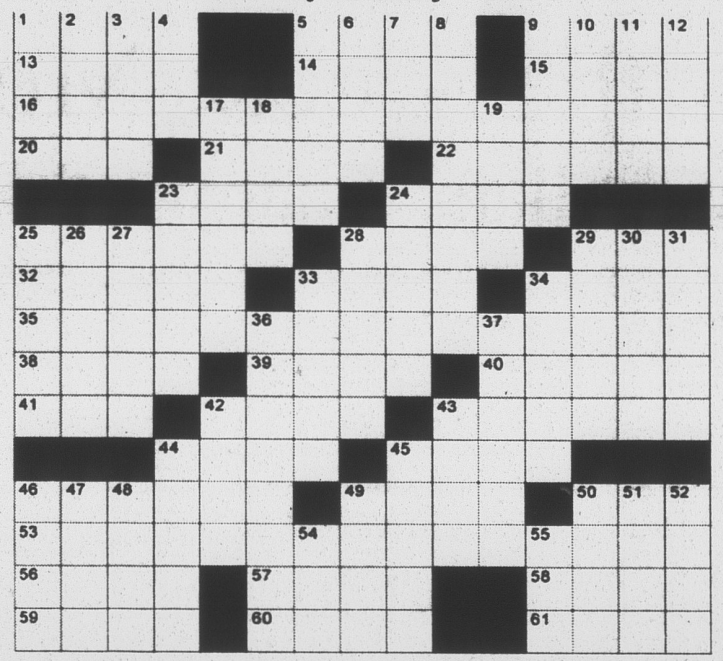
``I'm trying to convince my friends at other colleges out of state to download music and send it to me on a CD," she said. ``That's how bad it's getting."

But one of her UF classmates said students are already adjusting. Evan Kim, 18, of Tampa, said some of his dorm mates are thwarting the new software by using a program called Kazaa Lite. One friend was able to download 70 songs and two movies during a recent spree, Kim said.

``I consider about $1 per song to be a fair price, but I can't justify buying a CD for $15 when I only like two songs," he said.

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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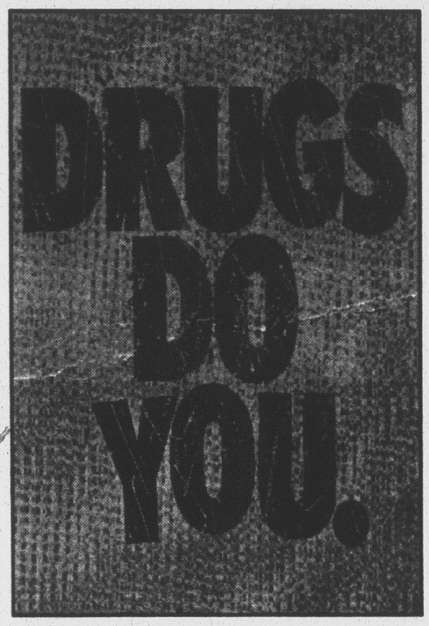


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
It's a great week to improve relationships, particularly within the family. This may be the opportune time to reach out to someone who looks up to you, possibly a child. Be alert to all money opportunities, postponing any major decisions for now.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
You are looking and feeling your best, so use this positive energy to your advantage - get out and accomplish things. Communications with others go well - you are a mind-reader with all around you. Tensions elsewhere may find you taking it out on a loved one.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Make it a point of getting chores and errands out of the way earlier, because it looks like rest, relaxation and partying is in store for later. Be aware of the helpful insights surrounding you, rapid advancement at work may be a result of heeding suggestions.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Personal financial planning is favored. Your intuition is sharpened concerning money matters. You may run into an intense blow-out with a mate or lover - keep your cool, things will straighten out rather quickly. Spend some time by yourself.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
It will be a busy week for you. Hard work on your part will bring you closer to your career and personal goals. Be supportive of family members, someone is going through a tough time. Resolve financial concerns you have now, before things get out of hand.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
You are eager to help out wherever needed, but avoid those who manipulate your actions. Be sure that your efforts go to a good cause. Enjoy a break from the routine for a couple days. Luck will find you with extra dollars you weren't expecting at all.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
You are ready to conquer any obstacles this week. It may not be a bad idea to spend some time alone, because your criticisms of others may get you in deep water. It's hard to concentrate, and daydreaming won't hurt - unconscious messages have practical value.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
This week finds you in tune with your lover or mate, which makes for great fun and accomplishments for the next several days. It looks quite favorable for you to move closer to your goals. If people at work don't argue with you, they will argue around you- keep a low profile.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
You need to get away from your hectic routine to be alone with your thoughts. Be confident of success in business dealings. Avoid any unpleasant financial surprises by going over matters to clear up any discrepancies. You can reach a meeting of minds with opponents.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
A friend challenges you to break out of your shell and promote yourself for advancement. Maybe it's time - trust yourself and you'll be happier in the long run. A great career opportunity presents itself, and you'll move ahead without upsetting anyone.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
It's hard to avoid confrontations. Someone you have recently befriended may turn on you. It'll be better to remain silent than be drawn into unnecessary arguments. Travel is favored for the next several weeks. If involved in litigation, expect to win.

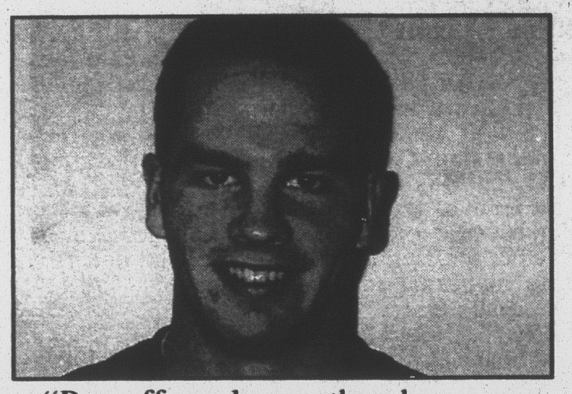
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Career advancement seems effortless, so pursue your most cherished goal. Co-workers will welcome your great ideas. It may be a good idea to spend a little bit of time on your own, getting back in touch with yourself. Resolve differences that are putting distance between you and a loved one.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You usually prefer to follow the logical path rather than trusting your intuition. However, your intuition can enhance your accuracy about situations when you team it with reason. Whether you admit it or not, you have experienced intense psychic moments, which may make you a bit uneasy.

FEATURE

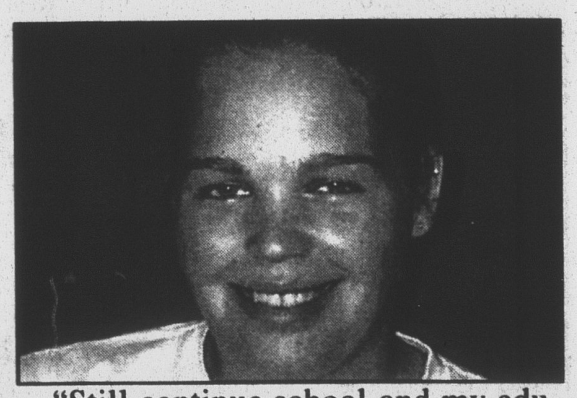
Question of the Week: Money

If you had a million dollars, what would you do?



"Pay off my loans, then buy a new car." - Brian Campbell, sophomore

"Donate a lot to charity, then give the rest to my family so no one would have to work anymore." - Abby Weber, freshman



"Still continue school and my education, and then I'd put money toward music programs at other schools." - Allison Henley, freshman

"Pay off tuition, finish school, take some time to travel and see the world." - Jolene Slattery, sophomore

"I would travel - everywhere. Probably give some to charity - that's too much money for just one person." - Stefanie Maccaglia, senior

"Not be in debt anymore." - Laura Krutschnitt, junior

"Take care of my whole family, and my friends." - Mary Tommelleo, senior

"Nothing." - Geoff Tirrell, senior

Pushing personal expectations

by Carolyn Miller
Resident Lazy Athlete

Ever played a sport?

And I mean for competition. Not gym class sports where 75% of the class doesn't care what the rules are, not to mention those five students in the corner who never even bother to participate.

I'm talking about uniformed sports, where you've had to put at least some money into the game, and had to attend weekly or daily practices. The kind of sport that takes up entire days at a time with practices and games and traveling to get to wherever the game is. The kind of sport where you end up selling candy as a fund raiser for your team. The kind of sport that the neighborhood turns up to watch every game.

If you have, then you know what I'm talking about. If you haven't, then you should. There are few things as rewarding as pushing yourself physically to attain the goal of winning a competition – pitting yourself and your skills against others who have trained just hard as you have.

Yes, yes, I know that there is more to life than playing sports. Not everyone has the capacity to be an athlete, I understand that. The question is, have you tried? Have you run eighty yards, feeling your legs quiver and your breath burn in your throat? Have you ever felt the urgency of a rundown between third and home?

It's humbling, and at the same time empowering. It's humbling because you know that your body will only go so far, and at some point it will refuse to listen to you and collapse. Yet, it's empowering, for there's room to improve if you have the will to push yourself that far.

I look at some sports and I don't understand the meaning of it all. Some athletes seem to just want to reinforce the stereotype of the 'dumb jock' – drinking, swearing, acting vulgar, and bragging about their 'conquests,' in and out of game. What does that say about the sport they play, or their fellow athletes?

The question of player integrity aside, what sort of goal is winning a game? You work so hard to build yourself up to play this game, and in the end, what does it do for you? Does the end really justify the means?

These are questions that have to be answered by each person playing. You can tell the people who have the answers, because they play harder than anyone else. I saw a football player once who ran with the ball towards the endzone, just to be met with a four-person pile-up. So he leapt over all of them in a desperate attempt to get a few more yards in that play. The effort of his jump impressed me more than the distance – how devoted to a game do you have to be to risk your health for it?

There's a lot of questions I've asked here. The answers I can't provide for everyone – it's a different answer for each person. I played sports because I enjoyed the games. I like competing because it drives me to push myself harder. I loved marching band in high school because we practiced long and hard, working to make ourselves better than every other band out there. There were hours of sweat and even tears put into playing some music while walking on a field, but the feeling was the same.

In all you do, if you truly care about it, then you'll strive to be the best you can be™. Because if you don't push yourself, who will?

Fall Fest deemed success by students

by Josh Storey and
Isaac Ludwig
Staff Writers

Comedians, karaoke, football, food and rock and roll filled Westminster's first ever Fall Fest celebration with entertainment.

The day kicked off, literally, with a flag football tournament. Adam Leech's team, The Untouchables, took home the gold. "The name suited them well as they displayed a lot of athleticism during their games," said Craig Carlin, Campus Programming Committee chair

Only five out of six teams showed up Saturday morning, but Fall Fest coordinator and Student Government Association Vice President Russ Mills thinks that had to do with the number of college sports games going on that morning.

"I consider the football tournament a success for the mere fact the people involved were entertained," Carlin said.

Later that day, comedians Troy Thirdgill and Daniel Tosh performed for a captivated audience.

"I went to the second comedian, and he was hilarious. I thought I was only going to stay for a little bit, but he ended up being really funny. So I stayed despite the bees that were attacking me," said Rachael Mellor, winner of the karaoke contest. According to Carlin, the comedians were hired last year at the National Association for Campus Activates convention. "These two were a couple of the best I saw," Carlin said.

The karaoke competition was open to any student who wished to take part, and was judged by Chad Alan, Joshua Fiedler, and Joshua Kosker of the Juliana Theory and SGA President Christy Atkins. Ian Brown, Amanda Moore, and Greg Smith filled in for the band during the beginning of the competition while the band finished their sound check.

After the first round of performances, five people advanced to the second round of competition, Rachael Mellor, Rachel Lange, Katie Meadows, Ashleigh Oram, and Sara Kimbell. Oram and Mellor advanced to the third round of competition where Mellor was "crowned" Fall Fest 2003 Karaoke champion.

The members of the Juliana Theory who judged the karaoke competition commented on their experience saying, "it was fun" and "a damn good time." They added that their favorite performance was Kimbell's rendition of Frank Sinatra's "Lady is a Tramp." "She had charisma, she stole the show."

Pittsburgh natives Punchline kicked off the night with a solid set of their punk material. After their set, I caught up with bass player Chris Fafalios and asked him a few questions about the band's plans.

He informed me that they have a CD coming out in February titled Fueled by Ramen. Yes, the title pays homage to Ramen noodles. He also added that their guitar player Paul Menotiades, who turned 20 this past Sunday, joined the band in 2001 making it a four-piece.

Hopesfall from Charlotte, NC followed Punchline with a very aggressive and instrumental sound set. Then the Juliana Theory took the stage to top off the night. The show was riddled with their eclectic blend of rock, punk and acoustic and included songs from their latest studio album Love, as well as older stuff for the hardcore fans. The show ended with afully acoustic number during their two-song encore.

photo by Erin Gray
Juliana Theory's lead guitarist, Josh Fielder.

The evening toped off with a rock concert. For a mere $5, Westminster students were able to see Punchline, Hopes Fall and the Juliana Theory.

Mills explained the problems with securing headlining bands. "The bands were really difficult to get. The Juliana Theory cost us about $8000, but all of the ticket proceeds go right back into the budget. So that's about $1500 we'll have for next semester's concert." Mills said.

One of the bands originally scheduled to perform, Count the Stars, were in a car accident and were taken to the hospital, so they were not able to play that night. Besides that incident, the day went well. "For the first year of Fall Fest, I would call it successful." Carlin said. "The bands loved Westminster and had really positive feedback about the concert," Mills added.

The SGA is planning on continuing Fall Fest in years to come. "The SGA should get suggestions from students on what they want in Fall Fest," Carlin said.

"This year was an experiment...I am pretty sure we have a solid foundation on which to build upon," Mills said.

When asked what the campus can expect for Mardi Gras next semester, Mills pointed out a major problem. "Mock Convention is the same day as Mardi Gras so we are looking into some options," Mills said. "Bands might come for VolleyRock instead," Carlin suggested.

Possible bands for next semester include Punchline, Breaking Benjamin, Trapt and Flickerstick.

True Life: I was an MTV intern

by Isaac Ludwig
Staff Writer

This summer I was granted the opportunity to intern with MTV Networks in the "Big Apple." I worked in the Artists and Talent department with MTV.com. The office was located on the eighth floor (of 53 floors in the building) on 1515 Broadway, a.k.a. "that place where TRL is."

I only lived in Manhattan during the first week of my internship, where I slept in a friend's production studio and experienced the most entertainment-industry living environment I have ever been in. After that, I spent the summer living with a Quaker family's daughter-of-a-friend-of-a-friend-of-my-father in New Jersey.

Enough of the boring stuff, here's what you want to hear. My day started at 10 a.m. every morning. When I got to work, I would read a series of newspapers and produce news "clippings" for various people in the company. Then, I would do anything from going to record companies to pick up tapes, escorting talent to website photo-shoots, attending and giving my input at music meetings, coming up with copy for VMA promotions, programming my online radio stations, or doing any number of other things that I was asked to do (no, I never got anyone coffee).

One of the highlights of my summer was the MTV Summer Creative Retreat. I was one of six interns, out of about 350 selected, based on our supervisors' recommendations, to take part in this event. The retreat was for six days in Montauk, NY, which is on the easternmost point of Long Island. We did an unbelievable amount of work, but all in all, it was an amazing experience. We got to see the selection process for new shows and how new ideas are born at a huge network, form relationships with executives in a laid back environment, and got to go to an awesome beach party with celebrities and great food.

Here's a run down of other various fun tidbits about my summer. Who I met: Incubus, Hoobastank, Alien Ant Farm, Mya (and her puppy), Jewel, Gang Starr, LL Cool J, Tom Morello (Rage Against the Machine/Audioslave), Samuel L. Jackson, Colin Ferrell, Perry Ferrell (Jane's Addiction), almost everybody on air at MTV (i.e. Carson, Making the Band, Jackass, etc.), Pherell Williams (the Neptunes), Jessica and Ashlee Simpson, and many many more. I also went to a huge anti-Bush protest, the UN, Letterman, TRL, the Museum of Radio and TV, Dallas BBQ, FUSE (MTV's rival), an underground play, and a bunch of various independent movies. The industry parties are just as insane as people make them out to be. I went to various

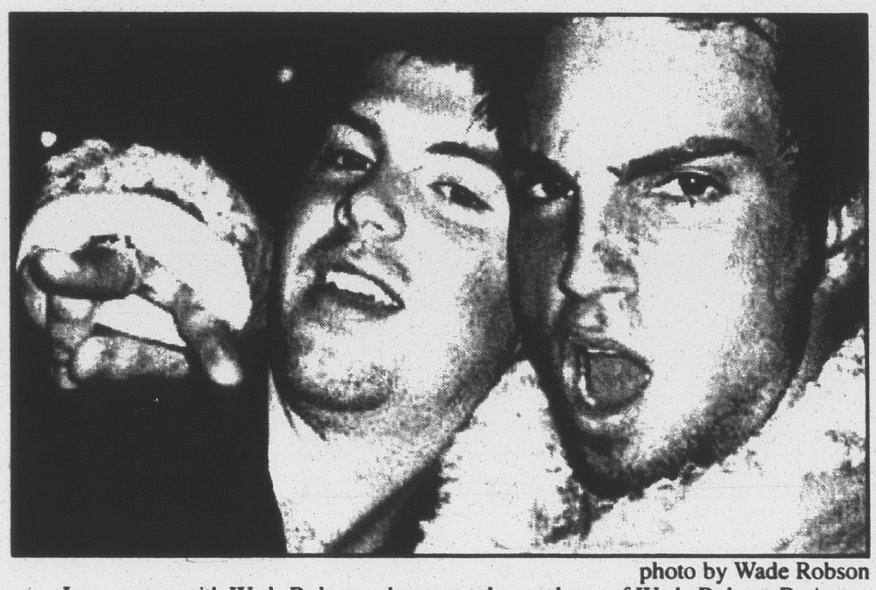


photo by Wade Robson
Isaac poses with Wade Robson, choreographer and star of Wade Robson Project

MTV parties, some private parties thrown by people in the industry and a Rolling Stone magazine party. I also got a huge amount of swag, including a radio, a digital mixer, T-shirts, hoodies, pillows, you name it.

You can read all about my concert highlights in my summer concert review section in the entertainment section. You can check out some of my pictures and my journal from this summer on my website at http://mrsmilely.tripod.com. I am also still doing the programming for MTV.com's rock and hip hop online radio stations, listen at http://www.mtv.com/mtvradio. Also be sure to listen to New Music Sundays every Sunday from 8 to 10 PM, with your host, me!

Weekend Entertainment

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Gateway Clipper Cruise
Bus leaves Field House at 8:45 pm

Movie: Daddy Day Care 8:00 pm
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McKelvey Club

Saturday

Movie: 2 Fast 2 Furious 8:00 pm
Movie: Daddy Day Care 10:30 pm
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Sunday

Movie: 2 Fast 2 Furious 9:00 pm

McKelvey Theater

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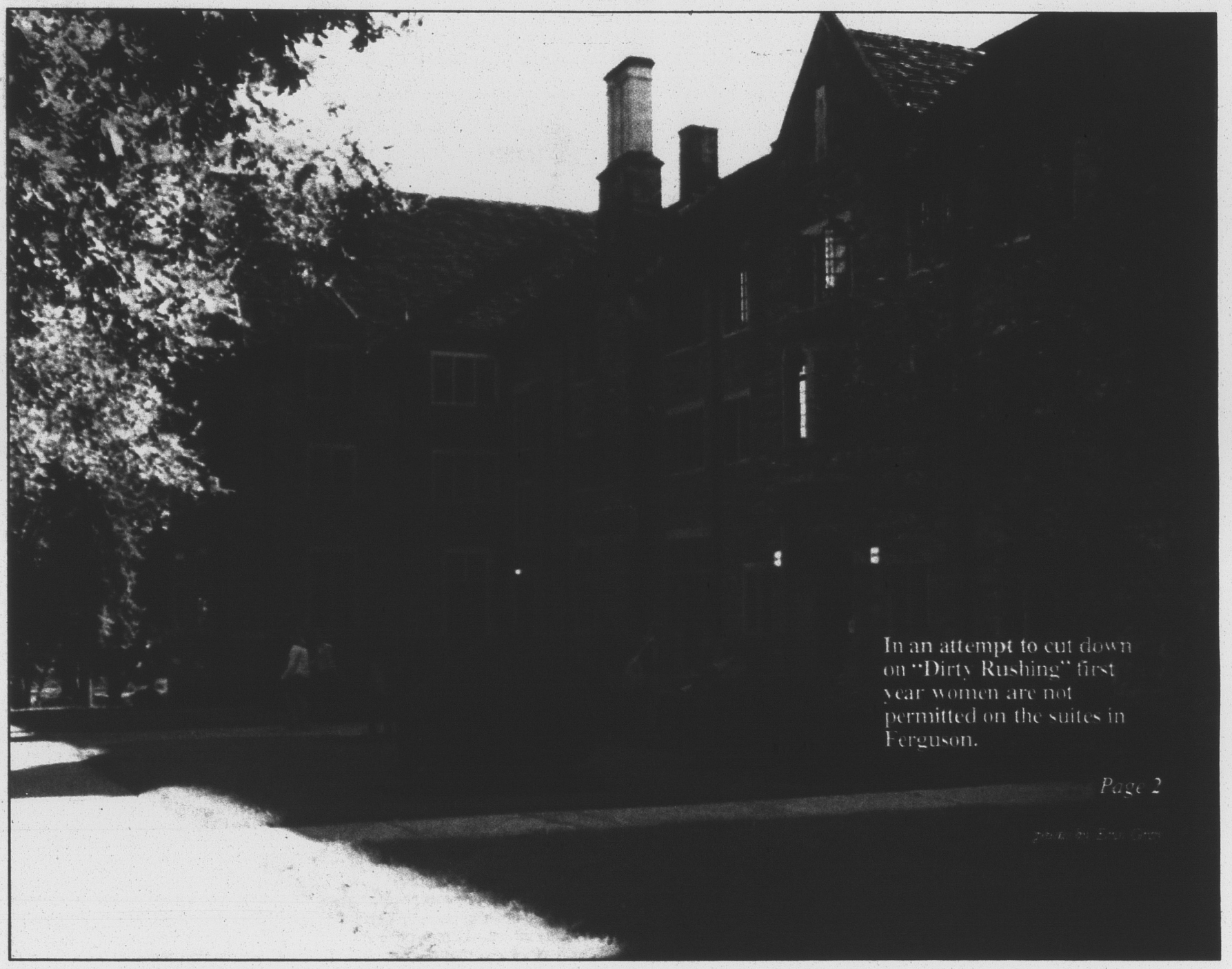

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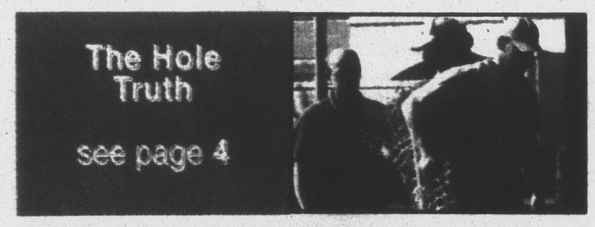

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CAMPUS NEWS

First-year women not permitted in Ferguson

by Amie Hack
Staff Writer

Due to the enormous amount of "dirty rushing" that occurred in past years, first-year women are no longer permitted on the sorority suites in Ferguson Hall during the fall semester.

"We want the freshmen to keep an open mind," said Pan-Hellenic Council President Amanda Moore. "Rather than going over there [to Ferguson] and hanging out in just one suite, we'd rather them have the opportunity to meet lots of the sorority girls."

"Dirty rushing" is a term used to describe when one sorority tries to recruit new members without the others knowing about it. Specific times are scheduled during recruitment parties when each sorority can get to know women who express interest in joining. Dirty rushing occurs when recruitment takes place outside of this scheduled time. According to Moore, some of the sororities have been known to have secret recruitment parties to persuade first-year women to join theirs, and this is a big problem. Keeping first-year students out of the dorm will help minimize this practice.

"It would be in the best interest of each sorority to not have freshmen in the dorm because of pre-drinking before partying, dirty rushing, and just issues of honesty and fairness," said Pan-Hellenic Recruitment Chair Lauren Thompson.

Another reason to keep first-year women out of Ferguson is that the majority of the recruitment counselors live there, and the first-year women would be able to find out who those counselors are.

Recruitment counselors are the women who have volunteered to give up their sorority letters, and therefore their sorority identity. There are a total of 10 recruitment counselors, two from each sorority, who work together to be a link between first-year women and sororities. These counselors provide an unbiased perspective of Greek life, as well as have a chance to serve in the Pan-Hellenic Conference, which is the governing body over the Greeks.

The issue of first-year women in Ferguson was brought up last year at the Pan-Hellenic Conference. Once all five sororities had voted, their feedback was brought back to the council, who voted on the issue again. The result was obviously that first-year women would not be allowed in the dorm.

"I understand the rule, but it really is kind of a pain," said Ferguson resident Ashley Williams. "I did Fresh Start, so it's hard that my friends can't come hang out. I'm more inconvenienced by it than opposed to it; it's more of an annoyance."

To enforce this policy, the sororities are basically relying on the honor system. Most of the residents would say something if they saw a first-year woman on a particular suite, and, depending on how serious the incident is, they would report it to Moore, Thompson, or Pan-Hellenic Advisor Camille Hawthorne. If the residents see first-year women and choose not to report it, then the incident will simply go on without consequences. Resident Assistants were also told to keep watch for this.

photo by Erin Gray

Firsty-year women won't be allowed past this point in Ferguson Hall until after January 24, 2004.

"I just ask that all the freshmen and sorority sisters honor this rule," Moore said. "I know there's nothing stopping you except the honor system, but please try to keep an open mind and just let the recruitment parties introduce you to the sororities."

This "ban" from Ferguson began at the start of this school year and ends on Bid Day, which is Jan. 24, 2004. After this day, when recruitment counselors are identified and all the women figure out which, if any, sorority they will join, first-year women are free to visit the suites. Before this day, first-year women are allowed in the building lobby for special events that are held there, but they may not go on the individual suites.

"I have friends in Ferguson that I met through Fresh Start and being on the golf team, and I think it's ridiculous that I'm not allowed to go visit them," first-year student Kelly Spisak said. "We're almost, like, shunned."

Fraternities and sororities give back to the community

by Sara Ialongo
Staff Writer

From helping sick children at hospitals and summer camps to educating people about cancer, Alzheimer's disease and diabetes— the Greeks on campus are dedicated to their philanthropies. With five national sororities and fraternities on campus, there are plenty events happening this year that demonstrate the meaning of community involvement.

"I think it's very important that everyone get involved with the philanthropies, as well as take part in community service in the local area," said Pan-Hellenic President Amanda Moore.

The first Greek event rolling out this semester is Theta Chi's annual Greek Sweep on Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. This event gives the Greeks an opportunity to come together and clean up the streets in New Wilmington. The brothers will host a luncheon afterward for all who participate.

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha are busy preparing for October's breast cancer awareness month. Zeta hosts the Shoot-for-the-Cause basketball tournament on Oct. 26 to support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

"We only have $4,000 left to raise," said senior vice-president, Christy Steidel. "It's inspiring to see such enthusiasm to reach our goal," Steidel said.

Other campus organizations to host a booth during the tournament include: Panhel, Dance Theater, Alpha Sigma Phi and Sigma Kappa will be participating at the tournament.

Three sororities are planning to attend events for their philanthropies. The sisters of Sigma Kappa are attending a Memory Walk in Meadville on Saturday to raise money for Alzheimer's research. As a group, Alpha Gamma Delta will attend America's Walk for Diabetes in Pittsburgh on Oct. 5. Kappa Delta celebrates National Women's Friendship Day by distributing friendship bracelets outside the cafeteria and in the campus center during the lunch hour.

Theta Chi has a fund-raiser that everyone can enjoy. The Suitcase Party & Getaway is an event hosted by the brothers in the McKelvey Club Room on Nov. 13 at 9 p.m. - 12 a.m. The brothers will sell $10 raffle tickets in the Dining Hall and Orchard St. Café. During the party, a winning raffle ticket will be drawn. A limousine will take the winner and a guest to the airport for an all expense paid trip to south Florida. The proceeds go to the American Red Cross.

"In the past, Theta Chi suitcase parties had turnouts of around 500 people," said Theta Chi Philanthropy Chair Craig Carlin. "I think we have the potential to do better than that. A trip to Florida can be very enticing when November rolls around."

Some Greeks contribute to organizations that help sick children. The sisters of Phi Mu are dedicated to the Children's Miracle Network, which helps to raise money to benefit those children who are sick in hospitals. Not only do the sisters raise money for the Network, they also do special things for the children who are staying there.

"We make boo-boo bunnies that hold ice for the kids to put on bruises left by IV and other needles," said Phi Mu President Ashley Mondale.

Phi Kappa Tau raises money for the Hole in the Wall Gang, a summer camp for children with cancer or other serious blood diseases. "Our goal this year is to show the town and the college that we are capable of doing good for others," said Phi Kappa Tau president, Matt McClelland.

The fraternity house on Waugh Street, Alpha Sigma Phi, has a busy year. The brothers begin with their annual Haunted House in October. But the Alpha Sigs are well known for their efforts with Relay-for-Life. The fraternity organizes this community event every spring. In five years, they've raised over $150,000 for the American Cancer Society.

"I feel that Greek involvement in the community has increased rapidly over the past few years," said Alpha Sigma Phi president, Dave DiDesiderio. " Greeks have had a bad reputation in the past, but I think with all the good things we are doing in the community, that bad perception is going to change."

The Greeks work together to uphold the responsibility of giving back to the community. The Panhellenic Counsel requires the Greeks to take part in blood drives, canned-food drives, and provide assistance to the Lynchs, a local family in need. "These activities bring all of the groups together to accomplish a common goal, and the surrounding community is always grateful," Moore said.

Sign language class opens lines of communication

by Erica Tallo
Staff Writer

The start of the semester has brought out many new signs around campus. No, you will not find these signs cluttering the sidewalks or covering the new walls of the McKelvey Campus Center; however, you will be able to find them in room 311 Patterson Hall every Tuesday night from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The college is now offering a sign language course to any interested member of the campus community. The course is being instructed by a 2003 alumnus Joe Gill and his assistant.

"It's about time something like this has found its way on campus. I think a lot of people will be surprised at the difficulties involved with hearing loss. You never realize how much you take for granted," said junior Alyson Gasper who suffers from 80 percent hearing loss in her right ear.

Due to modern day technology, Gill finds himself in a fortunate position which has allowed him to regain 70 percent of his hearing, previously lost at childhood. He is the main catalyst behind the course's appearance on campus. "I want to unite the hearing and deaf worlds. I want there to be equal communication," Gill said.

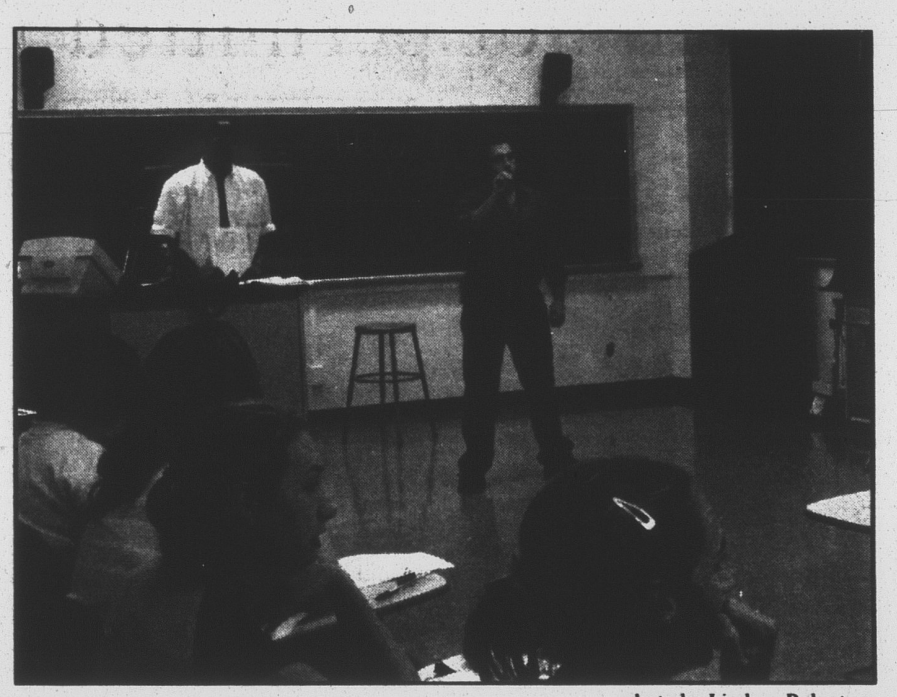


photo by Lindsey Robertson

2003 alumnus Joe Gill stands in front of his class of sign language students. The class is taught on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 in patterson 311.

Students can expect to learn the alphabet, the appropriate signs for everyday words and discuss the major differences in communication regarding deaf culture. "I hope to eventually have students become fluent in signing," Gill said. "I'm amazed at how much they were able to pick up already after one class."

Although students will not receive any credits for the course, Gill intends to treat it as a regular class. "I will give quizzes and hand out grades."

He hopes that his efforts will lead to the insertion of a regular full credited sign language class in the campus' curriculum in the near future. He would like to see interest in the class grow in order to offer three skill levels of the class: beginners, advanced and one that would specifically concentrate on the deaf culture. "I just want everyone to realize that people with disabilities are just like the rest of us," Gill said.

Although the class met for the first time on September 2, it is still wel-

Security and borough police encourage students to be good neighbors

by Melissa Logan
Senior Staff Writer

While swapping his cardigan sweater and tennis shoes at the end of each episode Mr. Rogers asked, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Although most students have not bonded with the childhood icon since the second grade, his question applies to Westminster's campus today more than ever.

Rumors circulating the past few weeks surround the so-called "new" relationship between campus security and the New Wilmington police department. Some students have gone as far as calling it a "police crack down."

"I assure the students there is no new relationship between the two groups," John Lechner, Dean of Safety and Security, said. "Since the new chief took office, we have worked more closely together."

Denying a "crackdown," Lechner agrees with students that security is perhaps less flexible than in years passed. Lechner attributes the inflexibility to two reasons. One: the hiring of a new police chief in New Wilmington. Two: the transformation of campus security from security guards to retired state police.

"New Wilmington Police Chief Carmen Piccirillo is more open to a working relationship between security and the department than the past chief," Lechner said. Piccirillo is a former New Castle police officer, FBI agent, and owner of a private investigation team to the area.

During Fresh Start, first year students met Piccirillo. In his presentation he informed students of New Wilmington laws and emphasized the need for the campus and New Wilmington residents to be neighborly. "Be a good neighbor. That's all we're asking," Piccirillo said.

To avoid police confrontation Lechner likewise advises students to be a good neighbor. "Don't draw attention to yourself and we won't draw attention to you," he said. "Most problems security deals with on this campus are alcohol-related bad judgments."

Lechner recalls a number of these incidents. "Residents call because intoxicated individuals are urinating in their bird baths, throwing beer cans in their yards, or passed out in their bushes."

"This campus needs accountability," said senior Erin Chittock. "If students are going to break the rules, they are going to pay the consequences."

In situations like the above, security must respond. If students become uncooperative then the police department can be called for back up. "Our security guards do have arrest power. I think students don't realize that."

Although the guards do not carry guns, they have passed rigorous officer training programs and were granted the arrest power by the state. Officers, versus security guards, wear badges to indicate this power.

"We don't use the arrest power often on campus. But, students need to realize that we can if needed," Lechner said.

In the past five years, campus security has evolved from Rent-A-Cop to police. The majority of today's campus guards are retired officers. Lechner himself is a retired lieutenant from the New Castle police force.

Students with concerns or questions regarding campus security or procedures should contact Dean Lechner at lechnejn@westminster.edu or visit him in the Student Affairs Office.

Committee works to find the right fit in chaplain replacement

by Chris Hatch
Staff Writer

It has been almost seven months since the departure of Rev. Steve Allen, but through prayer and contributions from many people, Westminster will soon have a new chaplain.

The search for a replacement for Allen started in March of this year. It was then that President Thomas Williamson appointed a committee to search for potential candidates for the job. The committee's initial responsibilities were to define the chaplain's position and tasks, advertise the opening to the public, and establish principles that would guide them in their search. Dr. Dar Huey, director of the college graduate program and chair of the education department, was chosen to lead this committee.

"We prayed and processed and did preliminary interviews and decided who to invite back to chapel," he said.

Each potential candidate had to meet a series of requirements before even being interviewed. The candidates had to be ordained Presbyterian ministers. They also had to provide a statement of their personal faith and of their visions of campus ministry. Dr. Huey believes that in order to be our next chaplain, the requirements will go further than that. "The chaplain should display a deep Christian faith that is consistent and fitting with our vision of campus ministry," he said.

Once hired, the chaplain's duties will be to listen to and counsel students, and to guide them in the direction of Christ and the gospel. The chaplain will be asked to guide the students in a way that is respectful, not in a way that imposes his or her own religious beliefs.

Since the first responsibility of the chaplain position is to minister to students, student input is very necessary. A panel of students was chosen to interview each candidate and deliver feedback to the appointed search committee. One member of the student interview committee is senior Andy Winner. He sees the student interview committee as a reflection of the student body.

"The job of the student interview committee is to represent the various religious groups on campus," he said. "Then we can share our ideas with the search committee."

Former chaplain's assistant and current acting chaplain Keturah Laney believes that the student interview committee will play a big role in making the final decision. "Students will hear things and respond to them in a way that staff members might connect differently in a way that we might not see as a need for students," said Laney.

As the search for a new chaplain continues, Laney recognizes the impact that Rev. Allen had on religious life on campus. "I am very conscious that we all miss Steve," she said. "That's no campus secret."

Although Allen's impact here has left a very difficult task for the search committee, Laney emphasizes that the committee is not looking for just a replacement. "We aren't looking for another Steve Allen," she said. "We are looking for the person that God tells us is the right one."

Your Student Government Association

by Erin Halpin
Contributing Writer

Here is what's going on your SGA this week:

SGA has grown, now that new members have been sworn in. The freshman elections went extremely well. Thank you to all who voted. This is a great Senate, and I think you can expect some good things this year.

A new internal Financial Procedures Committee is being formed. This committee will oversee all SGA funds and an audit that is being scheduled for SGA. It was decided that since the SGA audits every organization, we should be audited as well.

Like the food this year? Yes? No? The Food Advisory Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, September 22nd. If there are any ideas or concerns you may have concerning the cafeteria or the Orchard Street Café, contact the SGA.

The Judicial Board is looking into the login problem students are reporting. The "Time of the Month" is September 23rd in the Orchard Street Café. SGA members will be there to listen to any issues that you would like to address.

Plans are being made for Homecoming. There will be a dinner/dance in the student clubroom on October 17th. It will accommodate around 120 students.

Tickets are going to be available for CATS, which will be coming to the campus. Tickets will be given out on a first come, first served basis.

SGA Day will be on October 17th. There will be donuts and drinks provided for the students in the morning, followed by soft pretzels in the afternoon. There may be pizza as well, but we are still looking into that. If you don't feel like walking to class that day, golf cart rides will be available, with your SGA Senators serving as chauffeurs.

That is all for this week. As always, you are more than welcome to attend the SGA meetings, held every Wednesday at 7pm in the McKelvey Movie Theater. Any questions or comments you may have can be sent to SGA@westminster.edu. Have a great weekend!

Presidential election fever spreads to campus

by Mary Huebert
Staff Writer

While most students plan to vote for the next president of the United States, many remain uninformed about the 2004 presidential election.

Most students recently surveyed indicated they would vote in the next presidential election; however, over one-third of the students surveyed could not say the month or year when the next presidential election would be held. Very few people could name two of the Democratic presidential nominees, and even fewer knew the current number of presidential nominees for the Democratic Party.

Despite these results, political awareness on campus is still higher than it used to be. "There is definitely more political awareness now than before at Westminster," political science professor Dr. James Rhoads said. "A war will increase awareness, especially in student age groups."

Many students agree that political involvement is crucial for the improvement of the government. They also think that the war in Iraq will encourage people to vote.

"I hope the current political situation will drive people to the polls," senior Isaac Ludwig said.

Although most students plan to vote in the 2004 presidential election, voter turnout has historically been lowest in the 18 to 24 age group. Rhoads attributes this to students being away from their home district during the time of the election and failing to obtain absentee ballots.

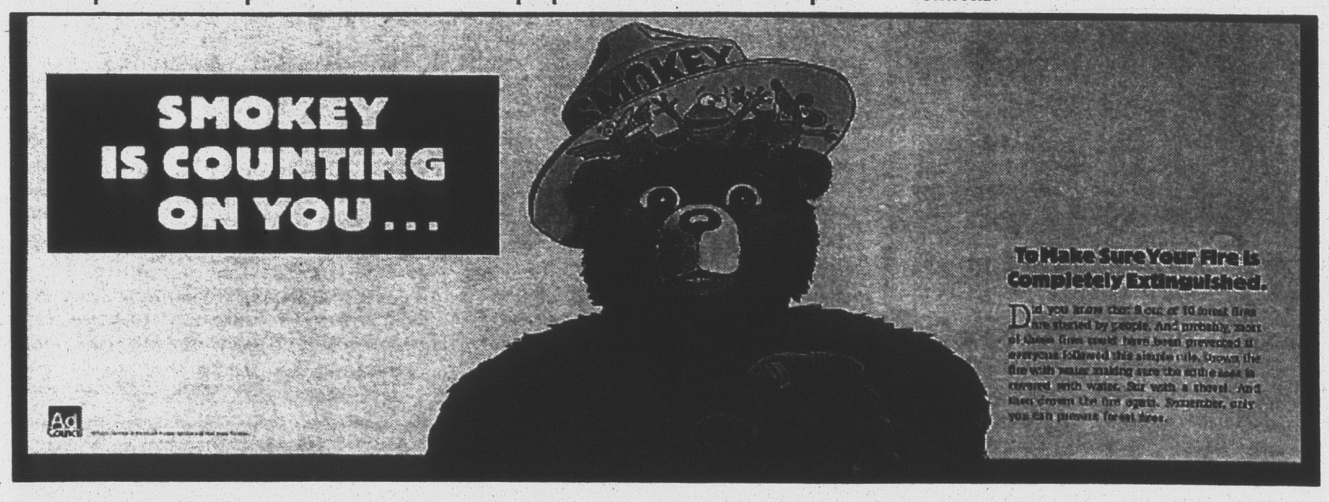
"Poor voter turnout among college students has more to do with lifestyle than it does with lack of interest," Rhoads said.

What used to be a historically Republican campus is now changing to a more politically split population. One-third of the students survey identified with the Republican Party, while one-third of the students called themselves Democrats. The other one-third of the students either identified with the Green or Libertarian Parties or felt that they could not identify with any political party. Those without a political party were generally the same students who did not have any interest in politics or in voting in the upcoming elections.

"Many people complain during the presidential elections that neither candidate really interests them," Mock Convention Chair Greg Smith said. "If these people were to become more politically active and informed during the primary elections, they could ultimately help decide who they would like their presidential candidate to be."

Rhoads and Smith expect the Mock Convention to generate student interest in the primaries and the presidential election. Westminster's Mock Convention is the second-oldest event of its kind in the nation. The first Mock Convention took place in 1936 and was designed to help students understand the political convention process in a fun way. The conventions have taken place every four years with the exception of 1944 due to WWII. This year the Mock Convention is scheduled for Feb. 5 and 6. "The Mock Convention is a fun way to get students involved in the primary elections," Smith said. "The convention will hopefully have an impact on students beyond their time here at Westminster and keep them active in politics."

At each convention, a keynote speaker is selected to address the campus. While no speaker has been selected yet this year, the Mock Convention planners' hopes are high. In previous years, individuals such as CNN's Robert Novak and presidential candidate Alan Keyes have spoken at conventions.



SGA "Toilet Paper" garners mixed reactions

by Melissa Logan
Staff Writer

Creativity is a curious thing. Sometimes it is well received. Other times it is criticized. The Student Government Association's "Toilet Paper" is no exception. While a number of students felt offended by the jokes and puns, others laughed aloud.

"A speaker at a conference I attended this summer advised us make our advertising outrageous," said SGA Public Relations Chair and senior Erin Halpin. "We never meant to offend anyone. I apologize if we have."

The "Toilet Paper" is an informational piece listing SGA-sponsored events by month. A copy is placed in most dorm restroom stalls. "I was bummed. When I heard about the idea, I thought it was going to be real toilet paper," said senior Rachel Mondale.

While most people surveyed on campus have read the "Toilet Paper," a small number have not. Guys were most confused by the question, "So did you see the 'Toilet Paper'?" There apparently is not an adequate supply in either the Eichenauer or Russell stalls.

"I don't think we have that," said first year student James Sharcot to the above question. "But, the SGA should put it in the guys' dorms. If it's funny enough we won't vandalize it."

Apparently this is not the case. Russ Mills, SGA vice president, hung the information. It was ripped down shortly after.

"Jeffers did not receive this month's issue because I was told by an RA that some people didn't appreciate the joke," said Halpin. "The last thing I wanted to do was upset students. We didn't intentionally overlook that dorm."

Most students report being more informed because of the "Toilet Paper," but failed to remember specific dates. "I think of it as a resource. At least now I know there is one place I can go to get information if I need it," said senior Heather Klink.

In regards to the puns and the joke, twice as many people were not offended by the wording and humor as were offended. Although not necessarily describing their feelings as "offended," some students did see the marker color choice, joke of the month, and certain terminology as inappropriate.

"I didn't expect this from the SGA. It seems like they should be more professional about getting their message to the students," said senior Stephanie Moser.

"I tested this paper out before we distributed it. I didn't receive any negative comments from the students I spoke to," said Halpin.

Although a small number of students have complaints regarding the new format, most agreed it was effective. "It may not be the best way to get the information out, but you have no other choice but to read it every day," said sophomore Heather Kydd.

"All I know is that I'm ready for a new one," said senior Melanie Piddington. "I read that one already."

In regards to changing the humor for next time, junior Lauren Anderson said, "Perhaps the SGA should soften the 'Toilet Paper' up a bit. Make it triple-ply."

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Justice Department uses Patriot Act authority

PHILADELPHIA (AP) In the two years since law enforcement agencies gained fresh powers to help them track down and punish terrorists, police and prosecutors have increasingly turned the force of the new laws not on al-Qaida cells but on people charged with common crimes.

The Justice Department said it has used authority given to it by the USA Patriot Act to crack down on currency smugglers and seize money hidden overseas by alleged bookies, con artists and drug dealers.

Federal prosecutors used the act in June to file a charge of "terrorism using a weapon of mass destruction" against a California man after a pipe bomb exploded in his lap, wounding him as he sat in his car.

A North Carolina county prosecutor charged a man accused of running a methamphetamine lab with breaking a new state law barring the manufacture of chemical weapons. If convicted, Martin Dwayne Miller could get 12 years to life in prison for a crime that usually brings about six months.

Prosecutor Jerry Wilson says he isn't abusing the law, which defines chemical weapons of mass destruction as "any substance that is designed or has the capability to cause death or serious injury" and contains toxic chemicals.

Civil liberties and legal defense groups are bothered by the string of cases, and say the government soon will be routinely using harsh anti-terrorism laws against run-of-the-mill lawbreakers.

"Within six months of passing the Patriot Act, the Justice Department was conducting seminars on how to stretch the new wiretapping provisions to extend them beyond terror cases," said Dan Dodson, a spokesman for the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys. "They say they want the Patriot Act to fight terrorism, then, within six months, they are teaching their people how to use it on ordinary citizens."

Prosecutors aren't apologizing.

Attorney General John Ashcroft completed a 16-city tour this week defending the Patriot Act as key to preventing a second catastrophic terrorist attack. Federal prosecutors have brought more than 250 criminal charges under the law, with more than 130 convictions or guilty pleas.

The law, passed two months after the Sept. 11 attacks, erased many restrictions that had barred the government from spying on its citizens, granting agents new powers to use wiretaps, conduct electronic and computer eavesdropping and access private financial data.

Stefan Cassella, deputy chief for legal policy for the Justice Department's asset forfeiture and money laundering section, said that while the Patriot Act's primary focus was on terrorism, lawmakers were aware it contained provisions that had been on prosecutors' wish lists for years and would be used in a wide variety of cases.

In one case prosecuted this year, investigators used a provision of the Patriot Act to recover $4.5 million from a group of telemarketers accused of tricking elderly U.S. citizens into thinking they had won the Canadian lottery. Prosecutors said the defendants told victims they would receive their prize as soon as they paid thousands of dollars in income tax on their winnings.

Before the anti-terrorism act, U.S. officials would have had to use international treaties and appeal for help from foreign governments to retrieve the cash, deposited in banks in Jordan and Israel. Now, they simply seized it from assets held by those banks in the United States.

"These are appropriate uses of the statute," Cassella said. "If we can use the statute to get money back for victims, we are going to do it."

The complaint that anti-terrorism legislation is being used to go after people who aren't terrorists is just the latest in a string of criticisms.

More than 150 local governments have passed resolutions opposing the law as an overly broad threat to constitutional rights.

Critics also say the government has gone too far in charging three U.S. citizens as enemy combatants, a power presidents wield during wartime that is not part of the Patriot Act. The government can detain such individuals indefinitely without allowing them access to a lawyer.

And Muslim and civil liberties groups have criticized the government's decision to force thousands of mostly Middle Eastern men to risk deportation by registering with immigration authorities.

"The record is clear," said Ralph Neas, president of the liberal People for the American Way Foundation. "Ashcroft and the Justice Department have gone too far."

Men accused of defrauding investors of over $4.5 million

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) Two men accused of defrauding more than 100 investors out of about $4.5 million were arrested on Monday and charged with conspiracy and 14 counts of mail fraud.

John Francis Turant Jr., 38, of Wapwallopen, and Russ R. Luciano, 43, of Duryea, were charged based on a federal grand jury indictment filed Sept. 10 and unsealed Monday.

The 15-page criminal indictment says the two Luzerne County men were partners in three hedge funds that operated between 1999 and April 2003 in Wilkes-Barre: Evergreen Investment Group L.P., JTI Group Fund L.P., and J.T. Investment Group Inc.

The two men allegedly spent more than $3.1 million on salaries, expenses, "other undisclosed and unauthorized purposes," and to pay off investors who wanted to withdraw "prior to the collapse of the scheme," according to the indictment.

Turant and Luciano mailed investors false account statements, trading reports and other documents that indicated the fund growing at 1 percent to 4 percent a month, when in reality it was losing money, the indictment charges.

The grand jury claims the men sent out fictitious brokerage account statements that together showed a balance of $3.4 million when the actual balances were only $18,000.

Campus Snapshot

A deep sink hole appeared on the quad last Wednesday. According to Owen Wagner, head of Physical Plant, the hole was an opening to an abandoned well.

Physical Plant workers filled the hole with stones within six hours of the hole's discovery.

"We will monitor the area for several days to see if there is any other movement," Wagner said.

Officials will also be researching archives to spot othe r problem areas on the quad.

Regional Brief —

Age discrimination suit

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Lawyers for Allstate Insurance Co. asked a federal judge Monday to throw out a suit accusing the company of age discrimination, while the plaintiffs asked for their complaint to be certified as class action.

The suit, filed two years ago, contends that 6,400 agents with a median age of 50 were improperly converted from company employees to private contractors with few benefits in 2000.

Allstate maintains the job reclassifications were part of a program to save $600 million a year and weren't intended to get rid of older workers. Lawyers said agents were told they had to sign a release waiving their right to sue for discrimination, or they would lose their jobs.

"If the practices that Allstate followed here were to become commonplace, it would eviscerate employment law in this country," said plaintiffs attorney Michael Lieder.

Twenty-one of the 29 plaintiffs in the suit traveled to Philadelphia from around the country to attend a 21/2 hour hearing on the case Monday but were not asked to testify.

NATIONAL

Sister of tennis stars killed in Compton shooting

COMPTON, Calif. (AP) A 24-year-old man was arrested for investigation of murder in the fatal shooting of the sister of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department announced early Monday.

The suspect was identified as Aaron Michael Hammer, 24, of Compton. He was booked for investigation of murder late Sunday night and jailed without bail, said sheriff's Deputy Bill Spear. Two other possible suspects were being sought, said Deputy Scott Butler.

Yetunde Price was shot in the chest early Sunday about a mile from the tennis courts where her sisters first rose to prominence in this Los Angeles suburb that has long been notorious for gang activity and violence.

Price, who no longer lived in Compton, had been sitting with a man in a sport utility vehicle shortly after midnight Sunday when "somehow they had become involved in a confrontation with the local residents," said sheriff's Deputy Richard Pena.

"That dispute led to gunfire and the woman was shot in the upper torso," Butler said Monday morning.

Authorities said it wasn't known whether Price knew her assailant or what prompted the dispute. They said Hammer was arrested after deputies interviewed a half-dozen people, including him, who were at a home on the street where Price was shot.

The man with Price was not hurt and drove her to a relative's house in Long Beach, from which he called 911, Butler said. Price, 31, was taken to Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, where she died.

Deputies who heard the gunshots said residents told them the SUV had sped away after Price was hit.

Early Monday, authorities identified the man with Price as Rolland Wormley, 28. He was jailed after authorities discovered he was on parole, which they said he violated by being at the scene of the shooting. It wasn't disclosed what he was on parole for.

An assault rifle was found at the scene and neighbors reported hearing six to 20 gunshots.

The Williams sisters issued a statement shortly after the shooting saying their family was overwhelmed with grief at the death of Price, one of five sisters.

Venus flew Sunday from New York to Los Angeles and Serena traveled from Toronto to gather with relatives.

"We are extremely shocked, saddened and devastated by the shooting death of our beloved Yetunde," the Williams family said in the statement.

A registered nurse who owned a beauty salon in nearby Lawndale, Price was also a personal assistant to her famous half-sisters.

"She was our nucleus and our rock. She was personal assistant, confidant, and adviser to her sisters, and her death leaves a void that can never be filled. Our grief is overwhelming, and this is the saddest day of our lives," the statement said.

The tree-shaded street where Price died is lined with homes with barred windows. Residents say gunfire is a common occurrence there, particularly on weekends.

Price was divorced and had three children, Jair, 5; Justus, 9; and Jeffrey, 11. She had moved to Corona, 40 miles from Compton in neighboring Riverside County, and took her mother's maiden name a few years ago after her parents divorced. She recently opened the hair salon with a friend from high school.

"I can't believe it. There's not one evil thing you could say about this girl. She never hurt any person. She was a quiet person," said a friend, Sheriee Brown, 32, of Compton.

The five sisters were extremely close. Yetunde; Isha, a lawyer and singer; and Lyndrea, an actress and singer; could often be seen in hotels with Venus and Serena.

When the two were children, Price was a caring, gentle role model. As recently as Wimbledon this summer, Price helped with her sisters' personal business matters, cheering them on, the big sister who stayed on the side and never showed any jealousy of their success.

Venus, eight years younger than Price, and Serena, a little more than nine years younger, often spoke about the gunshots they heard as they played tennis on Compton's public courts. When they turned professional as teenagers, they moved with their parents to Florida, in part for the courts and the coaching and in part to escape the violence.

Yet nothing - not stardom nor distance nor the demands of travel - weakened the bonds they felt toward their sisters. At Wimbledon in July, when Venus was injured during her semifinal and considered quitting, her mother and sisters encouraged her to play on.

The poise Venus and Serena showed so young could be attributed as much to the influence of their older sisters as to the independence and religious devotion that their parents, Richard and Oracene, encouraged.

That self-assured character could be seen when Venus and Serena were just little girls, going around to local charity events to help raise money. They weren't shy, even then, about taking a microphone and talking to other children about the value of education.

National Briefs

West Nile reported in Louisiana

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) Eight new cases of West Nile virus have been reported in Louisiana, bringing the state's total to 60 this year, state health officials said Monday.

The latest cases included two in Caddo Parish, two in St. Tammany Parish and one each in the parishes of East Baton Rouge, Orleans, Richarldn and Tangipahoa.

No new deaths from West Nile were reported over the past week. So far, there has been one West Nile-releated death this year in Louisiana, a 73-year-old Shreveport man.

In Louisiana, much of the outbreak has centered in the area in and around Caddo and Bossier parishes. The two parishes have recorded 37 of the 60 cases, with 32 in Caddo Parish.

According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Colorado has had the most human cases of West Nile reported in 2003 with 1,214.

Shoplifter dies of overdose

HONOLULU (AP) A man who fled from a Kailua music store after being accused of shoplifting died later at a hospital where he regurgitated narcotics contained in small plastic bags, authorities said.

The Honolulu medical examiner's office said the unidentified man died at 5:55 p.m. Saturday, more than six hours after he was brought there by police.

Honolulu police said the man triggered the shoplifting censors at the Hungry Ear music store and fled after he was confronted by the store manager and several CDs spilled out of his shirt. After escaping from the manager, he fled in his car shortly after 10 a.m., police said.

The manager reported the man's license plate number and the suspect was stopped about an hour later by officers who said he appeared ill, police said. The suspect was taken to Castle Medical Center where he died, police said.

P. Diddy sued for video

MIAMI (AP) Hip-hop rapper and producer Sean "P. Diddy" Combs' love of cigars has put him in a cloud of legal trouble.

A boutique cigar maker claims a videographer trespassed at its Miami factory, filmed its "secret process" in June, and the footage wound up in Combs' music video for "Bad Boys II."

The lawsuit filed by Moore & Bode Cigars earlier this month in Miami-Dade Circuit Court seeks at least $15,000 in damages from Combs, Bad Boys Entertainment Inc. and the unknown camera operator.

The office of the company's attorney said Monday that he was out of the office until late this week.

Dan Klores, a spokesman for Combs, said, "We'll investigate and gather all the accurate information before we make any comment publicly."

The lawsuit claims the company's "unique method of rolling the cigars" was taped for the "Shake Your Tailfeather" video while the owners were out, after the videographer was told to leave and without company permission.

North Korean food aid

WASHINGTON (AP) The United States is reviewing whether or not to send North Korea the remaining 60,000 metric tons of food aid due this year out of concern the food might not get to people who need it, the State Department said Monday.

The department's deputy spokesman, Adam Ereli, said North Korea has restricted the ability of the U.N. World Food Program, which distributes humanitarian aid in the nation, to monitor food distribution and ensure that it gets to "vulnerable North Koreans."

"Unfortunately North Korea continues to restrict access and monitoring, which is still a major concern," Ereli said.

North Korea on Monday accused the United States and Japan of thwarting assistance by U.N. organizations, and urged the international bodies to reject attempts to politicize humanitarian aid.

So far this year, Ereli said, the United States has provided 40,000 metric tons of its 100,000 metric ton commitment to North Korea. Washington is one of the biggest aid donors to the Asian nation.

He said the United States has discussed food aid directly with the North Koreans as well as with the World Food Program and other international donors.

Aid agencies have appealed to donors to put aside unease over helping the North during the crisis over its nuclear program and missile tests.

Clinton writes cook book

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (AP) Now everyone can eat like former President Bill Clinton.

"The Clinton Presidential Center Cookbook" includes 250 recipes and is on sale to raise funds for the foundation building Clinton's presidential library.

Co-author Shannon Butler tracked down celebrities, politicians and former White House workers to fill a 264-page book featuring main courses, side dishes and desserts.

Included in the book are Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's chocolate chip cookies, Bill Clinton's chicken enchiladas, Elizabeth Taylor's spicy chicken and Barbra Streisand's Southern lemon ice box pie.

"This dessert was made for a luncheon on August 13, 2000, that we had on our front yard for President Clinton," said a note from Streisand that accompanied the recipe. Many of the recipes include personal notes.

The cookbook was released in the United States Friday and is currently available only by direct mail and through the Clinton Library's Web site. The $35 cost includes $15 as a tax-deductible contribution to the foundation.

But beware: Butler, the associate director of the Clinton Presidential Foundation, describes herself as the daughter of a former caterer who learned only the basics about cooking.

"I avoid the kitchen whenever possible," she said.

INTERNATIONAL

Death toll rises to 156 soldiers since Bush declared end to combat in Iraq

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) Guerrillas killed a U.S. soldier in a rocket-propelled grenade attack in central Baghdad on Monday, and American forces arrested five men suspected of helping finance insurgents during raids on homes in Saddam Hussein's home town of Tikrit.

The 1st Armored Division soldier died of his wounds early Monday in a military field hospital, the military reported. He was the 156th U.S. soldier to die in Iraq since President Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1. In heavy fighting before that date 138 soldiers were killed.

In Tikrit, the pre-dawn raids targeted three homes next to a highway which has seen 20 rocket-propelled grenade attacks on the U.S. military in the past two weeks. In the most recent attack Saturday, a guerrilla in a taxi fired a rocket-propelled grenade at an American convoy in downtown Tikrit, killing an Iraqi bystander and injuring two people.

"These individuals are involved in financing Fedayeen activity and organizing cells of resistance against U.S. forces," said Maj. Bryan Luke of the Army's 4th Infantry Division. No shots were fired in the early morning raid.

The 3 a.m. raid also captured assault rifles, pieces of an RPG and ammunition.

Secretary of State Colin Powell visited a mass grave in Halabja to highlight perhaps the single biggest human-rights abuse of Saddam Hussein's regime - the chemical weapons murder of some 5,000 people in March 1988. The city is on the border with Iran 150 miles northeast of Baghdad.

The Halabja massacre has been cited repeatedly by President Bush as an example of Saddam's brutality. It was in this Kurdish-dominated town that Saddam took revenge on the population for its perceived backing of Iran during the Iran-Iraq war, bombing them with deadly gas.

Many of those attending the ceremony lost seven to 10 family members in the slaughter. Powell stood before long rows of simple headstones where the remains of more than 1,000 victims of the conquered regime lie.

"I can't tell you that Saddam Hussein was a murderous tyrant - you know that. What I can tell you is that what happen here in 1988 is never going to happen again," Powell said to enthusiastic cheers.

On Sunday, insurgents killed a U.S. soldier and wounded three outside the troubled city of Fallujah, a day after angry protesters fired weapons and called for violence against the American occupation to protest one of the most serious friendly fire incidents of the Iraq war.

The U.S. administrator for Iraq on Sunday commented publicly on the accidental killing of eight Iraqi policemen by U.S. forces who mistook them for guerrillas.

"The very regrettable incident in Fallujah is still under investigation by our military. We have expressed regrets for it publicly," L. Paul Bremer said at a news conference with Powell.

"When we have reached conclusions about how the incident came about, we'll take appropriate steps. In the past we have paid families ... where we felt it was appropriate, but this incident is still under investigation."

Three American citizens held captive by armed rebels in Columbian jungle

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) Guarded by hundreds of armed rebels deep in a malaria-infested jungle, three American captives pass the time playing with a homemade deck of cards and dreaming of their families. The threat of death always hangs nearby.

The three U.S. military contractors have been cut off from the outside world since their capture by rebels seven months ago. That isolation was broken when a Colombian journalist traveled for days over rough roads and jungle rivers with a rebel escort to interview them July 25 in remote southern Colombia.

"They were nervous, and there were traces of fear on their faces," freelance reporter Jorge Enrique Botero said in an interview with The Associated Press of the three, Tom Howes, Marc Gonsalves and Keith Stansell, who were working for a Maryland firm when their plane crashed.

They are the first U.S. military contractors to be captured by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, in Colombia's 39-year guerrilla war. Washington has long been providing military aid to halt cocaine production controlled by the rebels and their paramilitary foes, and recently began training and providing intelligence for counterinsurgency operations.

Howes, Stansell and Gonsalves were reportedly working for Pentagon contractor California Microwave Systems, based in Belcamp, Md., when their single-engine plane crash-landed in FARC-controlled territory on Feb. 13. The rebels allegedly executed a fourth American, Tom Janis, and a Colombian soldier, Sgt. Luis Alcides Cruz, who also were aboard.

The three Americans - considered prisoners of war by the FARC - slept in an 18-by-18-foot wooden hut in beds fashioned from branches, Botero said Thursday.

"There is always a guard five yards away from them," he said. "Any rescue attempt will end with their deaths."

Howes and Gonsalves fought boredom by playing cards made from notebook paper and said they longed for a radio. Having one "would be medicine for the soul," Howes said.

They knew nothing of America's war in Iraq until Botero handed them a news magazine.

"They didn't know that Saddam was gone," Botero said. "They had no idea about what has been happening in the world."

Photographs Botero took of the men showed them appearing healthy and clean-cut, except for Gonsalves, who wore a goatee. Stansell's hair was cropped into a flattop.

The men wore camouflage uniforms provided by the rebels, which would hamper rescuers from distinguishing friend from foe. In the photos, rebels wielding Kalashnikov assault rifles stood behind the men.

Botero said Howes, who at 50 is the eldest of the captives and has a young son with his Peruvian wife, spent a lot of time reflecting on his priorities.

"He is redesigning his list of values," Botero said. "He says the real treasure is the family."

A rebel commander told the Americans their only hope for freedom would be an exchange of hostages held by the rebels for imprisoned guerrillas.

International Briefs

Gov't. progress in N. Ireland

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) The possible revival of a Catholic-Protestant government in Northern Ireland will depend on achieving a breakthrough within the next three weeks, the Irish prime minister and the leader of the province's major pro-British party agreed Monday.

"We have to really move now," Prime Minister Bertie Ahern said after discussing with Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble the conditions for a possible November election in the British territory.

The vote, which Britain canceled in May, would determine which parties control a 108-member legislature for Northern Ireland. The lawmakers would have the crucial power to confirm - or, if hard-liners prevail in the election, prevent - a revival of any power-sharing administration.

Weapons trafficking charges

MANNHEIM, Germany (AP) The attorney for a Russian-born Canadian businessman said his client did not know he was doing anything illegal by shipping thousdands of weapons to Jordan from eastern Europe, as his trial opened here Monday.

Attorney Steffen Ufer said Arthur Andersen was working for the Jordanian government when Andersen was arrested in August 2002 on charges he had a contract to provide former Soviet bloc arms to a firm in Jordan and did not know he was doing anything wrong.

Andersen himself testified he was close to Jordan's King Abdullah II, saying, "His majesty is my king and my friend."

German authorities at the time said it was suspected that some of the weapons went to Iraq, but prosecutors said Monday no proof of that had been found.

Andersen admitted to the court working as a weapons dealer while in Canada. He later moved to Pforzheim, west of Stuttgart. He is alleged to have made a deal in Feb. 2002 worth US$66 million, which included 3,000 bazooka-type weapons, 200,000 hand grenades and 40 rocket launchers.

If convicted he faces one to 15 years in prison.

Andersen, who is now in custody, told Der Spiegel magazine before his arrest that the weapons went to a firm in Jordan, identified as King Abdullah II Design & Development Bureau.

Cloning company for sale

LONDON (AP) Confronted by mounting losses, the executive board of the firm that cloned Dolly the sheep said Monday it was putting the company up for sale.

PPL Therapeutics PLC, based in Edinburgh, Scotland, lost most of its senior executives in a mass resignation after announcing that net losses for the six months ending June 30 had more than doubled to 12.8 million pounds (US$20.5 million) from 5.5 million pounds for the same period of 2002. PPL's chief executive Geoff Cook and four other members of its seven-member board resigned with immediate effect, it said.

The board appointed financial services firm KPMG to help in selling the company. PPL's collapse followed its failure to generate sufficient shareholder support for a plan to restructure and focus on developing Fibrin I, a sealant that stops bleeding during surgery. It had hoped to have the product on the market by 2006.

Another possible SARS case

HONG KONG (AP) A woman suffering from fever was admitted to a government hospital on Monday for further tests because of fears that she could have severe acute respiratory syndrome, the Hong Kong Hospital Authority said.

The authority said in a statement that the 34-year-old woman sought treatment at a private hospital last Wednesday and that radiographic tests there showed she had spots in her lungs in addition to the fever.

She was taken to the government's Princess Margaret Hospital on Monday because the initial tests done by the private doctors do not rule out the possibility that she might have SARS, the statement said.

The woman has been placed in an isolation room at the hospital for treatment and observation, it added.

SARS broke out in southern China last year and spread to more than a dozen countries, eventually infecting more than 8,400 people worldwide and killing more than 900, including 299 in Hong Kong.

Last week, Singapore reported its first case of SARS in four months, becoming the first country to announce a new patient since the World Health Organization declared the disease under control in July.

Fire ravages prison

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) A fire broke out in a prison in the Saudi capital Monday, killing 67 inmates, a prison official said.

The official Saudi Press Agency, quoting the head of the Interior Ministry's prison's department, said 20 inmates and three prison guards suffered smoke inhalation.

The fire broke out at al-Haer prison at about midday Monday and was brought under control after about three hours.

A security official said initial reports suggest an electrical short-circuit may have started the blaze.

Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef ordered an investigation into the fire's cause, the Saudi news agency said.

Riyadh has two prisons for men and one for women.

SPORTS

Titan kickers look to defend PAC crown

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

After two very successful seasons, the Westminster Titan Men's Soccer team enters the 2003 campaign looking to build a tradition of excellence on the fields.

Though the 2003 season has begun slowly, the Titans look to succeed in President's Athletic Conference play, which began Wednesday, Sept. 17 when the Titans traveled to Washington, Pa. to battle PAC competitor Washington & Jefferson.

With a conference title to defend, the Titans enter PAC play with a chip on their shoulder.

photo by Willis Bretz

Titan kickers vs. Pitt-Greensburg

"Conference play is a season in itself; the champion has bragging rights for the rest of the year," said junior defensemen Christian Davoli. "I will one up the great Joe Namath. We will not only win on Wednesday, but we will also win the conference. We have a title to defend."

The Titans return to PAC action this season under the guidance of fifth year head coach Girish Thakar. During the last two seasons, the Thakar-led Titans have posted a cumulative mark of 28-9-1.

In the 2002 season, the Westminster booters captured the PAC championship. In doing so, Westminster ended the Bethany Bisons' stranglehold on PAC soccer.

The Bisons captured 23 consecutive PAC soccer championships. Their loss to W&J in the second round of the PAC championship series ended their quest for a 24th crown. However, W&J fell to the top-seeded Titans in the championship game, and the Titans had captured a PAC crown in their first season of active competition.

The Titans lost All-PAC performers B.J. Mathieu and Tony Arrigo to graduation. However, senior net-minder Kevin Humberston returns to add experience to the Titan lineup. Humberston is joined by seniors Matt Roser and Todd Fisher as players who've earned a wealth of experience on the field.

In 2002, Roser garnered first team All-PAC honors, while Fisher's play earned him a second team All-PAC nod.

Though the Titans began this season 1-5, PAC competition provides the team an opportunity as the top dog, as it is Westminster and not Bethany that must defend their championship.

Though the Titans have lost five games, they've faced some stiff competition. The Titans fell in their opener to nationally-ranked Keene State (NY), who at the time ranked #18 in the country. The Titans then earned their first win of the season, posting a 4-0 win over University of Scranton.

The Titans then lost their next four games. The Titans have lost to Mount Union, Thomas More (Ky.), Pitt-Greensburg, and Penn State-Behrend.

"The Titans have hit a rough stretch," junior soccer fanatic Andrew Krawchyk said. "I've been a Christian Davoli fan my entire collegiate career and I know that he's true to his word. The Titans will succeed in conference play this season."

As the Titans enter PAC competition, the Titans look to rebound from early season struggles. This season, they have a President's Athletic Conference crown to defend. On Sept. 17, that quest begins.

Recent Results

September 10
MSOC-Pitt-Greensburg 2, Westminster 0

September 12
VB-Case Wes. Res. 3, Westminster 1
VB-Westminster 3, Ohio Wesleyan 0
WT-John Carroll 9, Westminster 0

September 13
VB-Carnegie Mellon 3, Westminster 2
VB-Marietta 3, Westminster 0
MXC-PS-Behrend Invit. - 5th of 8 teams
WXC-PS Behrend Invit. - 7th of 11 teams
WSOC-Westminster 3, P. S.-Behrend 1
MSOC-P. S.-Behrend 3, Westminster 0

September 14
WT vs. Mount Union - ppd. to 9/21

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19
WSOC at Penn State-Altoona 6 p.m.
MSOC at Penn State-Altoona 8 p.m.

September 19-20
MGF at Malone Invitational

September 20
XC at Allegheny Invitational
VB at Mount Union Quad 9 a.m.
FB vs. Mansfield 1 p.m.
MSOC at Frostburg State 1 p.m.
WSOC at Frostburg State 3 p.m.

September 21
WT vs. Mount Union 1 p.m.

WC Sports briefs

Women's Tennis

The Lady Titan netters dropped a pair of matches last week, falling at PAC rival Bethany 5-4 on Tuesday before being swept 9-0 in a non-conference match at John Carroll on Friday.

Against the Bison, the two teams split six singles matches but Bethany won two of three doubles contests .

The Lady Titans were led against the Bison by the junior duo of Beth Grubbs and Amy Browell, who captured the #3 and #6 singles slots, respectively, while also teaming for a win at #2 doubles.

The lone other winner for Westminster was junior Amy Caliguiri at #4 singles. JCU did not lose a set to Westminster on Friday.

Cross Country

The men's and women's cross country teams placed fifth and seventh, respectively, at the Penn State-Behrend Invitational on Saturday .

The Westminster men were led by the senior duo of Sean Gallagher and Tim Snyder. Gallagher finished 10th with a time of 27:51, followed closely by Snyder in 11th place in 27:53.

Other top finishers included junior Marcus Corvino, who placed 39th in 29:31; and junior Brad Zerbe, who was 47th in 29:47.

For the Lady Titans, the duo of senior Sara Ialongo and junior Felicie Reid led the way. Ialongo was the team's top finisher, placing 18th in 20:47, followed closely by Reid in 19th place in 20:48.

Other Westminster women included senior Kacie Zbur, who was 71st in 23:47; and freshman JoAnne Johnston, who placed 79th in 24:40.

Men's Golf

Men's Golf Opens Fall Schedule by Capturing 10-team UP-G Invitational; Matune Medalist

The Westminster College men's golf team opened the 2003 fall tournament season on a positive note on Tuesday, as the Titan linksters captured the 10-team Pitt-Greensburg Invitational at Glengarry Golf Course in Latrobe. Westminster fired a four-man total of 300 to top second-place St. Vincent (311) by 11 strokes.

Leading the way for the Titans was sophomore John Matune, who earned medalist honors for the second time in his collegiate career by firing a 71.

Other Westminster scores included sophomore Scott Thomas, who shot a 74; sophomore Gary McGovern with 76, junior Scott Voelker with 79, and sophomore Matt Kurtz with 80. Also for the Titans, freshman Robbie Jewell shot a 79 to lead the Titan "B" team.

Volleyball Drops Five-Set

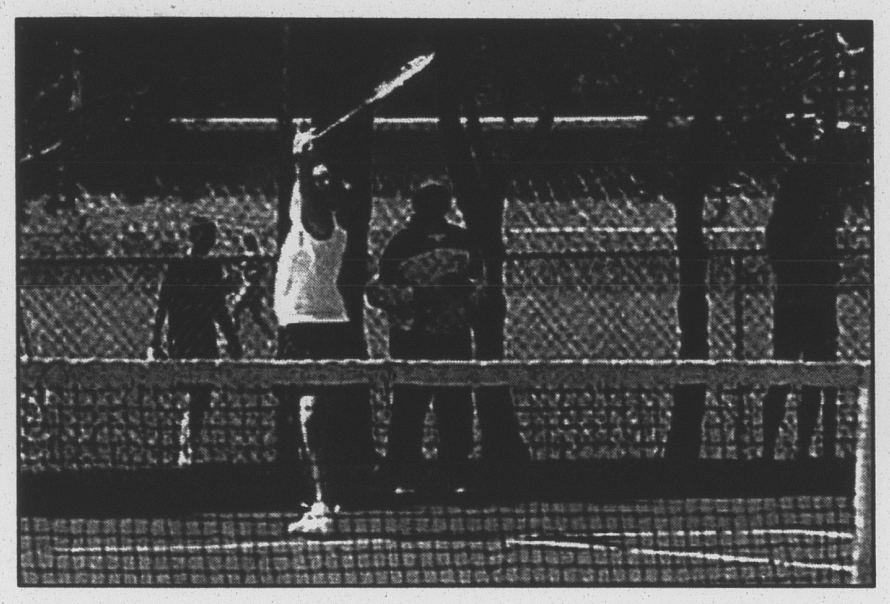
The volleyball team saw its record drop to 3-11 overall and 0-1 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play tonight at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium, as the Lady Titans saw their home opener ruined with a five-set loss to Bethany College in the PAC opener for both teams.

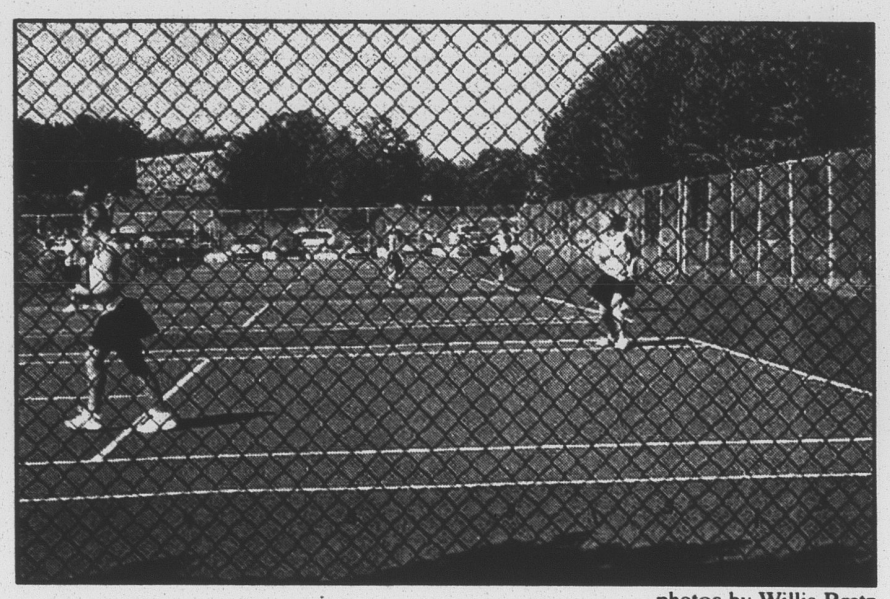
The Bison (7-4, 1-0 PAC) capture the match 30-25, 20-30, 30-26, 29-31, 15-13.

Peggy Emmerling of Bethany led all players with 17 kills. For Westminster, three players tied for the team kill total with 12 apiece: senior outside hitter Diana Barnes , sophomore outside hitter Erin Hinks and freshman outside hitter Rachael Cooper.

Sophomore Candice Anderson added team-best totals of 29 assists and 23 digs in the loss, while Barnes added a team-high five blocks.

Westminster volleyball returns to action this Saturday (Sept. 20), as the Lady Titans travel to Alliance, Ohio to compete in non-conference action at the Mount Union College Quadrangular at 9 a.m.





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Lady Titans' Tennis Team serves up tough competition against Bethany

SIGMA KAPPA
welcomes our new baby pandas!

Lori Howard
Jenna Shaw
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Lee Schwartzmiller
Kate MacAleese

OPINION

Rant and Rave

Recess is so much better in college!

The Information Desk is my hero.

Dogs!

I find you attractive!

Not just any tree...EVIL TREE

Do any other upperclassmen find it hilarious that freshmen campaigned for SGA votes?

I thought it was illegal to advertise parties on campus

Now in addition to bridges collapsing, we have to worry about "sinkholes"?

College drama...the pettiness is worse than high school!

Madden will be the downfall of all relationships. Video games are the devil!

One der!

I had a better parking spot when I was a freshman.

I'll take that bet!

Haha, I know who the umbrella belongs to and who stole it, let's set up a meeting place to return it.

Please put the Rant and Rave boxes back where you found them. Thank you.

I like hugs

Go sleep in the quad

Can we take care of the dead squirrel in front of Thompson Clark? It's starting to stare at me.

Ambition is for those without the sense to be lazy.

Monkeys are cool.

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: Cookie Cutters

According to the Princeton Review's 2004 edition of The Best 351 Colleges, Westminster was ranked as having the twelfth most homogenous student population in America. The results were based on the amount of social and ethnic diversity in the student body. Something which the upper-middle class white picket fencers of suburbia do not experience much of at Westminster. Not that we should be ashamed of that.

Sure, most our family incomes may range within close digits and our student body is so white that the campus could be mistaken as a reflective device in the sun. But does that make us homogenous? Not necessarily, my pasty friends.

Oxford's dictionary defines the word "homogenous" as "consisting of parts all of the same kind; uniform" and defines the word "diversity" as "variety." Who says that diversity should be based purely on social and ethnic standards?

People are defined by more than the color of their skin, their heritage and their daddy's salary. These are aspects of ourselves we cannot control. Your background does not frame the structure of who you are but rather serves the foundation of who you will become.

What defines us as individuals are the decisions we make on our own and the consequences of those decisions. It's molding everything we have ever been taught about our culture and traditions and creating them into something that is uniquely ours.

Our beliefs, our opinions, our strengths, our weaknesses, our passions. What makes us laugh, what makes us cry and what makes us think. That is who we are.

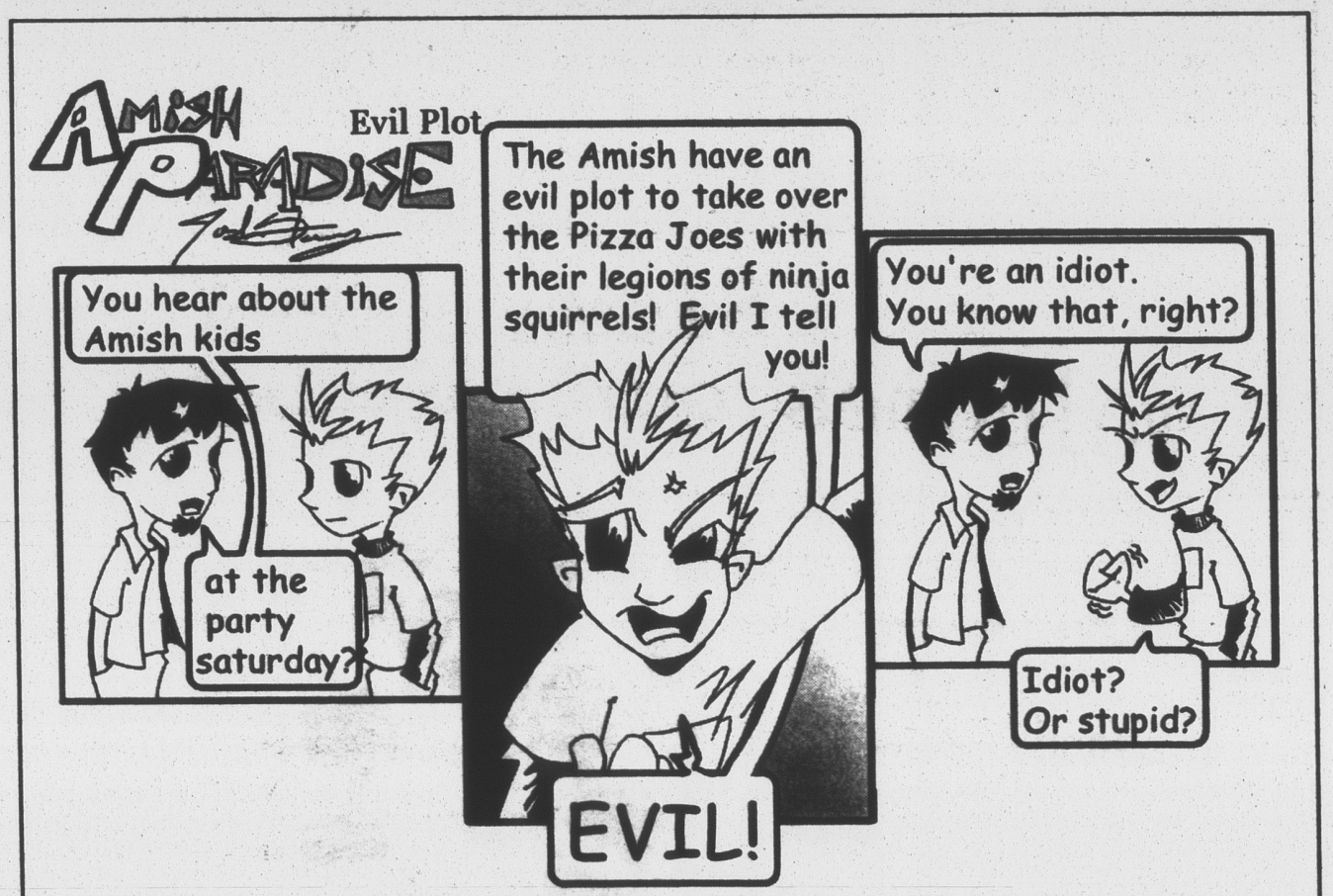
> The baby blanket you used as a child may have been comfortable, but comfort levels were meant to be challenged.

The campus community is composed of more than just cookie cutter produced students existing blindly within the sheltered realms of the Westminster bubble. We all have different stories, different histories and different goals. Our true identities lie beneath surface appearance. Our experiences lie beyond the limits of the all confining bubble.

So get to know people. Engage in conversations that reach for deeper realizations than your mutual hatred for TUB food or your deeply rooted bitterness against the new parking system. Talk about music. Talk about politics. Talk about books. Talk about faith. Talk about life. And most importantly, keep an open mind. If someone has views that do not agree with yours, instead of merely tolerating what you hear, really listen to what you hear. Drink it all in and soak up the diversity that exists under the surface color of the student body.

And know yourself. You are not your friends and you are not your parents. You are the sum of all your strongest beliefs and desires. Don't hide your individualism underneath a security blanket. The baby blanket you used as a child may have been comfortable, but comfort levels were meant to be challenged. Don't be afraid to hide who you are and don't be afraid to love who you are.

Embrace every quirk, every fear, every freckle and all of your characteristics that make you stand out from everyone else. That, my friends, is diversity.



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Insert Angry Voice Here: What a Wonderful World

by Drew Huston
News Editor

I think it's time that we get real. That's what Dr. Phil, everybody's favorite psychologist says. Get real. What do we have to get real in regards to? Well, that's the tough part. There are a lot of things that we Americans either won't admit, or we don't want to bother with, or we are just plain ignorant about.

Let's start with this Iraq war thing. Bush declared that the war was over several months ago, and our troops are still dying in Baghdad. The President and all of his buddies in the Department of Defense told us that we would be in and out.

They told us that we would use the oil we captured in Iraq (which, by the way, was already sold by our government to good ol' Uncle Dick Cheney's big oil friends before the war even began) to pay for rebuilding their roads, creating a police force, and getting a democratic government up and running nearly the day after the war was over.

None of this has happened.

We don't have access to that oil. In fact, gas prices here are higher than they were before the war started. The roads and the government and the police force of Iraq are all going to be rebuilt - but not by the Iraqis, of course. Not even by Iraqi oil. Nah, not with big daddy Bush ready to charge it on the country's credit card to the tune of $87,000,000,000.

You and I are the ones paying for all of that stuff. And what really really makes me mad is the fact that we went over there on bogus information. The government lied to us so that they could go to war. The intelligence information President Bush quoted in the State of the Union address, in order to justify use of force in Iraq, was a flat out, bald-faced lie.

Don't forget, the other countries of the world hate us because of Iraq, too. And now Bush wants them to help pick up the check, too, by using the UN, whom he pretty much flipped the bird before we went into Iraq on our own.

Yeah, they'll be really receptive of Bush's plea. You, me, and people all over the world are being asked to pay for the bill that George W. Bush, Donald Rumsfeld, the Joint Chiefs, and other numerous government officials have charged under the name of "The War on Terrah" (as Bush pronounces it).

I personally am "Terrah-fied" of what else we're going to be expected to pay, and how many more people are going to be expected to die, so that we could settle a vendetta Bush had against Saddam, and so that Cheney could fulfill his fantasy of acquiring the Iraqi oil fields.

You, me, and people all over the world are being asked to pay for... "The War on Terrah"

I'm so angry about this! Why does our government lie to us? Why did our brothers and sisters, our mothers and fathers die in Iraq, when there is no real reason we went there?

When I attended the Peace Studies Coffeehouse two weeks ago, the guest, an Air Force Officer and Alumnus of Westminster College, told us that the military "knew the reasons why we're over there."

When asked what those reasons are, he said that they were "classified." Now, I don't blame him for accepting the reasons given to him. That's his choice.

However, I'm doubtful of any reason for us going to war that is ONLY given to our military personnel, who, last I heard, aren't really allowed to question the validity of the information they receive from their superior officers.

And, if it were a good reason; a reason worth fighting for, wouldn't Bush have given the people that reason so that they would support the war (and him) more than they do now? Why wouldn't he tell the world, so that they can support him?

If he had this information, why didn't he just give it to the UN so that they all could go in there and not only American and British men and women would die? I appreciate the Lieutenant's point of view, but wow, I can't believe it in the slightest.

Let's get real.

This situation we're in, for all intents and purposes, well, it's making me crazy. And don't even start me on stuff I'm angry about in other areas. But, I guess, that's for another column.

Have an opinion?
Send us your letters!

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

Once Upon a Time in Mexico

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

El Mariachi and his band of bandits return to the big screen, only for Johnny Depp to steal the show once again. The third film in director Robert Rodriguez's El Mariachi trilogy features Antonio Banderas returning to the title role. Unlike the previous two installments, Once Upon a Time in Mexico is less a love story or one man show, but an ensemble piece showcasing the Mexican underworld.

The film opens with a single shot of Johnny Depp enjoying his pork. Good thing the pork wasn't that good. (Trust us you'll get it when you see it) We quickly learn that Depp's character, Sands, is a CIA agent gathering information about a drug lord's plot to overthrow the Mexican president. Sands has enlisted the aid of a one-eyed Cheech Marin to find the whereabouts of the mythical El Mariachi. What Mexican movie wouldn't be complete without Danny Trejo, the man who is the stereotypical Mexican thug whenever it is needed? You know what he looks like; you just never cared to know his name. Trejo is Sands' enforcer. He brings El Mariachi to Sands and then is quickly disposed of. Not a giant shocker, since that seems to be this guy's fate in every one of his films. Sands blackmails El Mariachi to come out of hiding to kill General Marquez, Mariachi's arch nemesis.

Apparently, Marquez will be involved in the coup against the president alongside MEXICAN drug lord Willem Dafoe. Apparently, after Peter Parker was through with him, he retired south of the border and changed skin color. From here, the plot becomes so complex that explaining it properly would take at least two more viewings of the movie on our part and the rest of the space in this paper.

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First and foremost, Once Upon a Time in Mexico is a classically made B movie. We're not talking White Fire (email Chris for more details) but a clever throw back to spaghetti westerns and shoot em up fun. The movie is silly from the beginning but like a classic play, the humor is witty, fresh, and timed perfectly, mainly thanks to an Oscar-worthy performance by Johnny Depp.

This is Depp's second showing this year of comedic genius. It's only in this time of his era that we can stop and realize that from the beginning, Depp has been perfecting comedic timing and presence. Older films, like Ed Wood and Edward Scissorhands now seem hilarious because we can see the true skill Depp brings to the big screen. Between Pirates of the Caribbean and this film, Depp is worthy of dual nominations at the next Oscar ceremony.

What's unfortunate is that, should he get a nomination for Once Upon a Time in Mexico, he'd likely be put in the supporting race, although he shared just as much screen time as Banderas.
But that doesn't take away from Banderas' performance. He once again proves that he's the king of the silly action flick. Like we said though, this was a character actor's movie. Along with Depp and Banderas, and of course Trejo, Salma Hayek (for the five minutes she's in the film), Eva Mendes, Ruben Blades, Willem Dafoe, Mickey Rourke, and Enrique Iglesias (yes the pop singer!!) round out this fairy tale story told in modern day Mexico.

The movie was great, but not perfect. Rodriguez's story is hilarious and fun, but so convoluted that at times, you're missing the marvel on the screen because your brain is trying to unravel a plot that really just doesn't matter. To the average movie goer, this thrilling funny B-movie gets an appropriate grade: B But for those who are missing the witty action comedies, like Die Hard, the 80's so loved to bring us, this is the easiest A we've ever seen and we took Bowling with Scooter!

Johnny Cash the original Man in Black dies at 71

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

Johnny Cash, "The Man in Black," died on the morning of September 12, at age 71.

"Johnny died due to complications from diabetes, which resulted in respiratory failure," manager Lou Robin said in a statement.

According to MTV News, Cash was the author of more than 400 songs, yielding 100 top-40 country hits, dozens of crossover pop hits, and 11 Grammies. In 1980, at 48-years-old, he became the youngest living inductee into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Cash formed the Highwaymen in 1985 with his pals Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings and Kris Kristofferson, with whom he released three albums over the next 10 years. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1992 and received a Kennedy Center Honor in 1996.

A statement issued by Rick Rubin, producer of Cash's acclaimed American series, read, "He was truly a great man and he will live on in all of our hearts forever more. Our challenge is to listen to music with the same passion and emotion he put into making it."

Cash was born February 26, 1932 in Kingsland, Arkansas, and as a child worked in the cotton fields alongside his parents and siblings, learning folk songs and hymns from his mother. After graduating high school, he left Arkansas for a job at an automotive plant in Detroit. Cash later joined the Air Force, and after his discharge in 1954, landed an audition as a solo artist for Sun Records founder Sam Phillips. Though Cash had hoped to record a gospel album for Phillips, the man who would soon discover Elvis, Phillips asked Cash to bring him a more commercial song

Cash landed his first #1 single in 1955 with "I Walk the Line," which stayed on the charts for 43 weeks and sold more than 2 million copies. He achieved a lifelong dream in 1957 when he was asked to perform at the Grand Ole Opry, where he turned heads by taking the stage dressed all in black, bucking the then-standard country outfit of rhinestone-studded duds.

In 1957 he became the first Sun Records artist to release a full album, Johnny Cash With His Hot and Blue Guitar. But when the label continued to refuse his request to release a gospel album, or increase his royalties, Cash jumped to Columbia Records in 1958 and released a succession of hit albums over the next 10 years.

He hit the top of the country charts again in 1963 thanks to a song that would become one of his signature tunes, "Ring of Fire." In 1969, Cash was given his own network variety show, "The Johnny Cash Show," on ABC, on which the singer booked a wide variety of musical acts, including Bob Dylan, Neil Young, and Louis Armstrong. By 1969, he became the best-selling artist alive, surpassing even the Beatles.

He signed with Rubin's American Recordings label in 1994, releasing the stark collection of acoustic songs American Recordings and winning a Grammy for Best Contemporary Folk Album. His second American album, 1996's Unchained, featured Cash backed by Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers, tackling covers of songs by Soundgarden and Beck. That LP won the Grammy for Best Country Album in 1997.

Cash won another Grammy in 2001 for his cover of Neil Diamond's "Solitary Man," from 2000's American III: Solitary Man. His fifth American Recordings album, a five-disc box set featuring three discs of previously unreleased songs recorded by Rubin and Cash, as well as a compilation of their best material, tentatively titled Unearthed, is slated for release around Christmas.

contributed photo

71 year old Jonny Cash died last friday

Though he was too ill to attend, Cash's legend loomed large at this year's MTV Video Music Awards, as the haunting video for his cover of the Nine Inch Nails song "Hurt" was nominated for six Moonmen, winning one for Best Cinematography.

In an interview with MTV News' Kurt Loder, Cash refused to let anyone tell him how to walk the line.

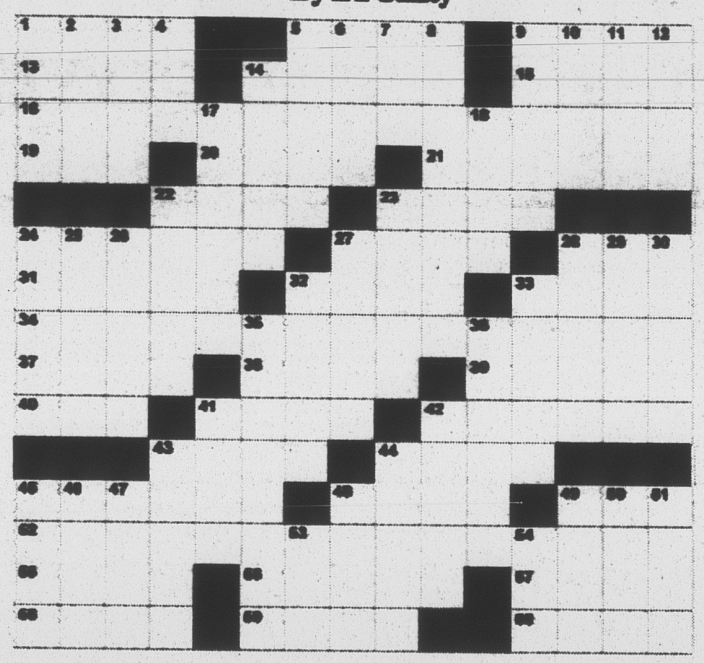
"You can't let people delegate to you what you should do when it's coming from way in here," he said, tapping his heart. "I wouldn't let anybody influence me into thinking I was doing the wrong thing by singing about death, hell and drugs. 'Cause I've always done that. And I always will."

Cash said he sensed the end was near, but that, too, was not to be feared. "I expect my life to end pretty soon," he said. "I'm 71 years old. I have great faith, though. I have unshakable faith." Faith, he said, and no regrets. "I used to," he said. "But I forgave myself. When God forgave me, I figured I'd better do it, too."

Crossword 101

Triple Cross

By Ed Canty



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36 Run away bride
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49 Fall tool
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Quotable Quote

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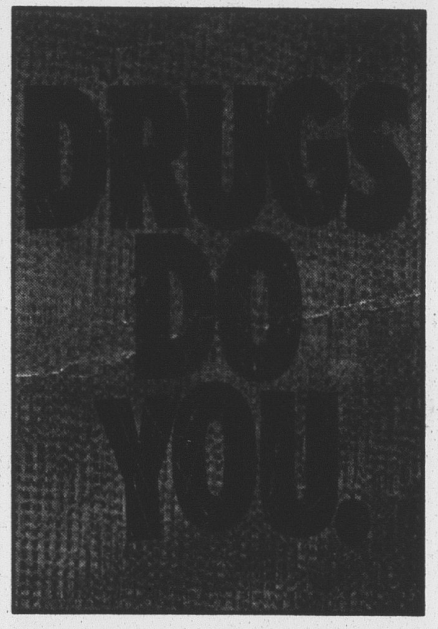

HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Your ideas and information could make the difference, be sure you inform those who can get the wheels turning. Self-sacrifice for the sake of loved ones is a joyful gift. But there are those who might want to take exception to your plans.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Clear communication will be very important. Follow up as soon as possible on all correspondence. You are set to make things happen and now have all you need at your disposal to do so. Changes need to be made at home - the suggestions won't be met with enthusiasm.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
An unexpected money gift will give you the chance to try something new. You feel like you're walking off the edge of your usual routine, and the feeling is exhilarating. Take care of your own needs, which may include taking some time for yourself. Be prudent.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Always remember that change is the only constant - for your idea of self may be a bit shaken up now. Attitude is everything when dealing with situations and people out of the norm. There are a few relationships important to you that need attention; be sure to state your needs clearly.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Something important you have been looking forward to is about to appear. Don't let your ego get the best of you and induce you to do something really risky. You're looking for a leadership role, but the time isn't right. Wait for the perfect moment to make your bid.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
All seems quite well this week. In fact, you are probably sitting on top of the world. This satisfaction can come from several areas. Perhaps your love life is improving, or you may have just accomplished something at work. Pay very close attention to all you hear now.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Although you are an easy-going character, you may easily offend someone if you are not at your diplomatic best. Spiritual inspiration comes in the company of like-minded friends. There is a real opportunity for success, but only if you're willing to change.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Continue to insist on quality and honesty in all your dealings, especially when issues are in the spotlight. It may be the best time to examine how to best use your talents and abilities, and whether or not you need to shift gears where a job is concerned.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
The darker side of family members' personalities may emerge if you are dealing with money. Remember that you can only do so much when someone else controls the situation. A requirement of personal interaction must be that you will be treated as an equal. No need to divulge secrets.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
You are in danger of being seduced by something that has an attractive outer appearance, but won't hold up under close scrutiny. If greed is a part of your motivation, put a stop to it immediately. Don't criticize another unless it is done with the compassion.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Your energy level is at top speed - slow down and be a bit more cautious. It's time to talk about your need for a great deal of independence in relationships, so there are no uncomfortable surprises later. Clarify your point of view and assure others no offense was meant.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Romance is in the picture, but be aware of jealous behavior. Point out that you are no one's possession. Words of love may get an immediate response, but be assured that you are appreciated. Your primary relationship will distract you from your work if you don't get a grip.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your daily grind may now become more frantic and all-consuming, which may lead to depleted health. Rest and relaxation are definitely in order for the next several months - to rejuvenate your frazzled energies. Make sure all communications are crystal clear; messages may get easily confused.

FEATURE

Interactive Story of the Week:
The Banana-Loving Bear

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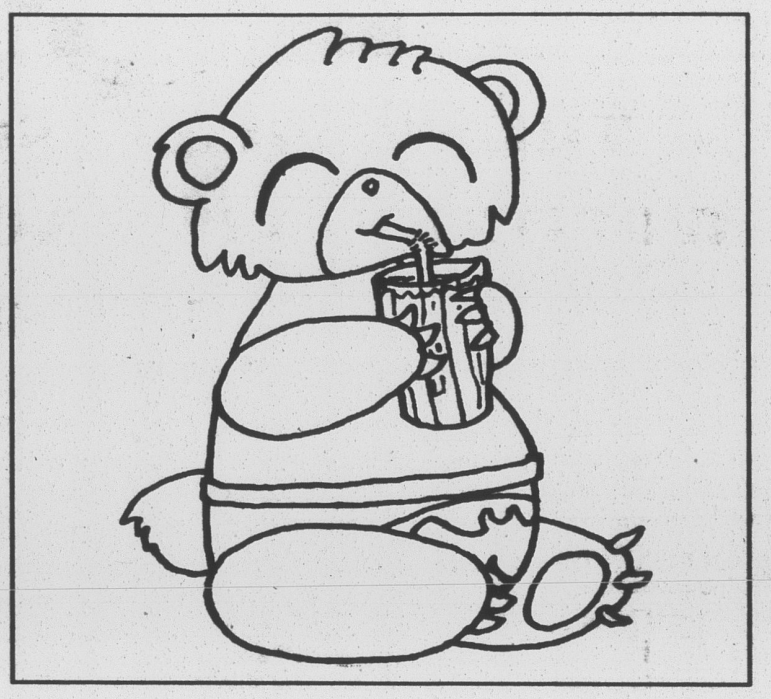
Once upon a time there was a bear. He had Batman underwear (Tandi Lane). There he was under the stars (Kurt Gills). With his trusty banana (Sarah Rebel). This banana was so large that he had to make a banana milkshake (Pat Sandora). Mmm...banana milkshakes rock his world! (Vera Dorosh) So... (Serah Stauffer) he went to Big Lots (Josh Smith) and bought some fireworks (Ryan Hauck). He lit his fireworks - OOOH! Banana Rama! (Renay Montgomery) The bear decided that his banana milkshake tasted funny, so he went off to get a peanut butter milkshake instead (Laura Krutschnitt). He tripped and dropped the milkshake on his foot (Melissa Wise). This embarrassed him in front of all the lady bears and so he ran home (Logan Edmiston).



Locks for love and that warm fuzzy feeling

by Carolyn Miller
Resident Softie for Charity

I sat in the padded chair, the cold brush of steel against my neck causing shivers to tickle my spine. "Are you ready?" she asked.

"Just do it," I said, and stared at my face in the mirror.

CLICK.

"There," she said and smiled, "now you can't turn back."

There are few things more terrifying than watching someone you've never even met before lop off 17 inches of hair from your head in one slice. The ladies at the salon put the hair into a braid and left it to dry as my new stylist went to work on what was left of my hair. And I can no longer describe myself as having 'waist-length, slightly wavy brown hair.'

No matter what anyone says, cutting off that much hair is a big event. Even if you're fully prepared for the cut - as I was, thankfully - it's still symbolic in a way. It represents a change, a willful change, that announces to the world you're ready for what life is going to bring to you. You see it in the movies - Mulan, for example, cut her hair before she went off to war; you even see it in video games - Dagger cut her hair in Final Fantasy IX when she resolved herself to go on the journey with the rest of the party.

My friend in high school had beautiful long hair, and I boarded the school bus one day to see it cut above shoulder length. I asked him why he went and got it cut. He replied, "My life changed, it was time for my hair to change, too." He had found out the day before that his girlfriend was pregnant - the two of them were going to have a child.

No event that drastic convinced me to cut my hair. It was more of a combination of the need of a new haircut, and the idea of where my severed ponytail was going to end up.

I first heard of Locks of Love (http://www.locksoflove.org) from my friend Jean, who had such a big ponytail cut off that she just simply shaved her head afterwards. Locks of Love takes donations of cut ponytails and braids 10" or longer and turns them into wigs and hair pieces for children with permanent hair loss.

I'm excited to know that some child somewhere is going to get a wig made from my hair, which so many people have complimented me about. Somewhere, a kid will be happy because I decided to have short hair. Part of me wants to know the child who gets my hair, so I can see them in the wig and smiling, but Locks of Love won't give out information - the recipients of the hair pieces are mainly minors. I can't blame them for keeping that information safe.

The website has wonderful information, plus an informative FAQ, with directions on where and how you can send in your ponytail. One person asked how much one of these hair pieces would cost normally, if it weren't donated through the program - the answer was near $3000.

But the really neat thing is, you don't need a full 10" braid to help Locks of Love. They'll accept donations of shorter hair, but they sell it so they can offset the cost of making the wigs in the first place. All hair donated has to be in a ponytail or braid (no clippings off the floor) but it's a small hassle to be part of something so important.

People keep asking me how long it took to grow my hair to my waist. But for some reason, three years doesn't seem that long of a time anymore. I like the short hair - it frames my face better, and it's much easier to manage. When I started telling my friends I was going to get my hair cut short, I began to hear about Alpha Phi Omega's plan to do a group Locks of Love cut in the spring semester. I know I can't force any of you to do this, but if you're thinking about getting your hair cut short, look into joining them next semester. It's for a good cause - remember, some child somewhere will smile because of you.

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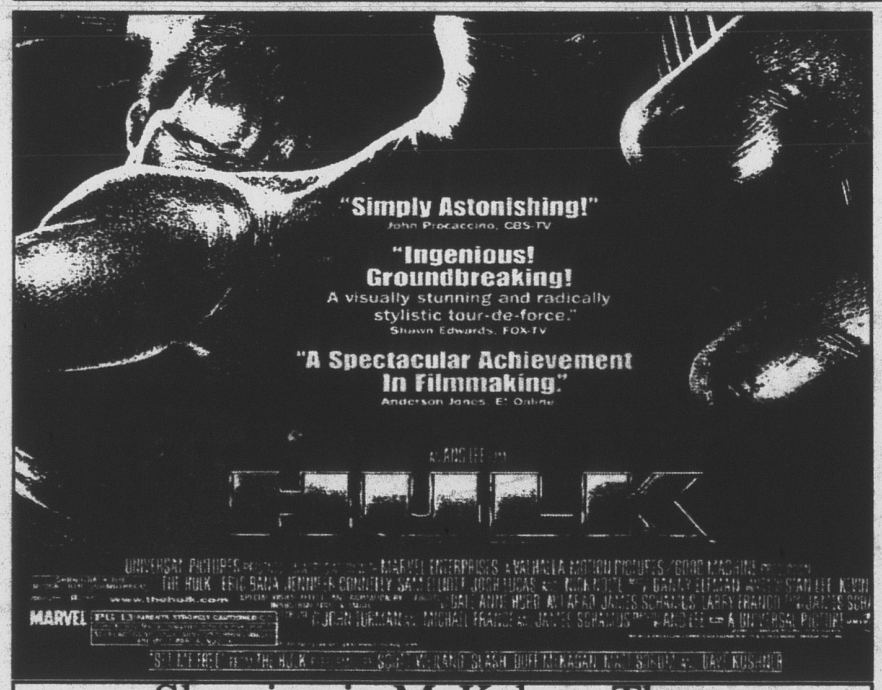

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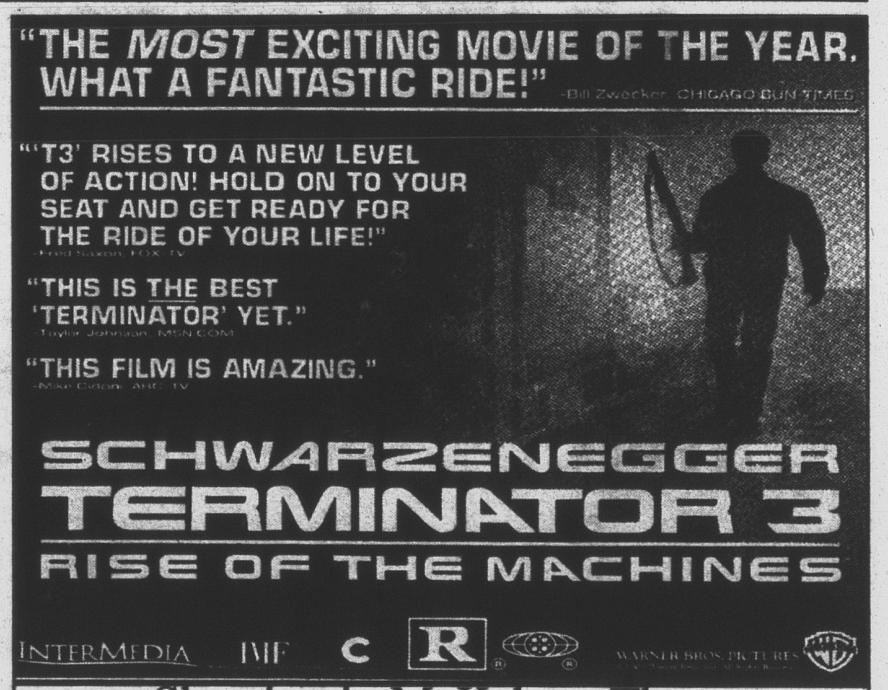

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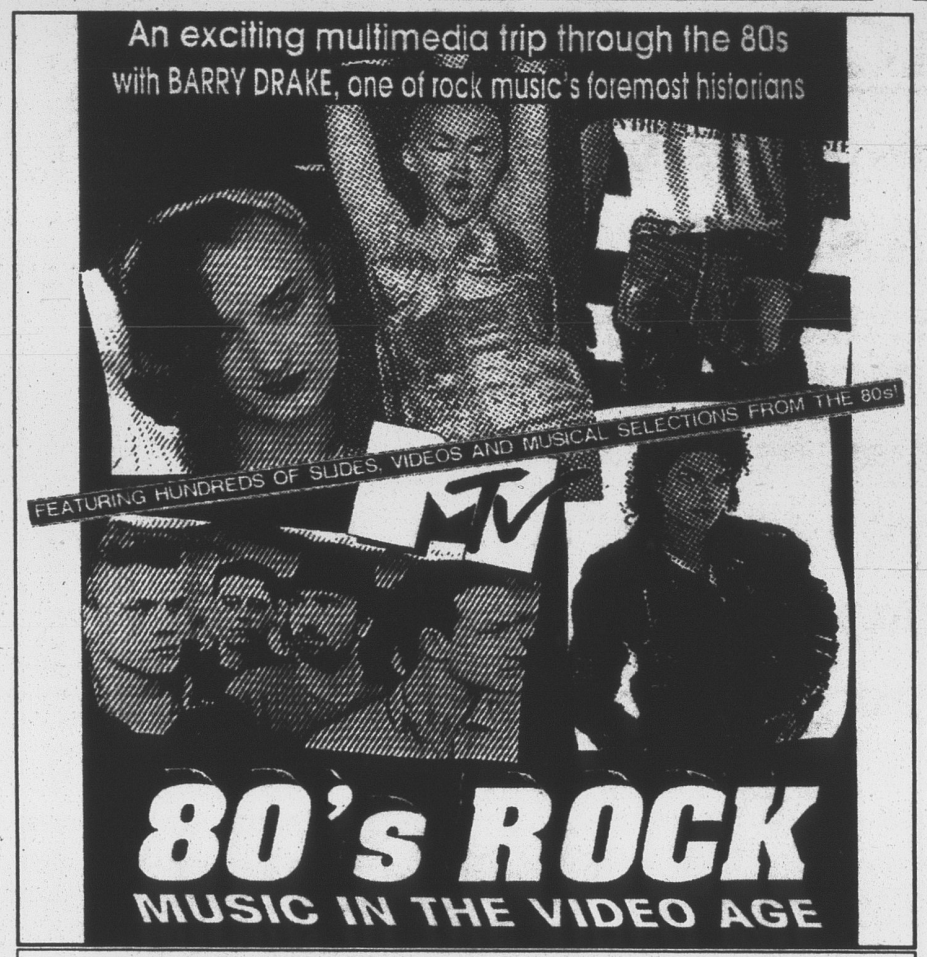

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CAMPUS NEWS

Presidents' Dinner encourages communication

by Kaitlyn Clark
Staff Writer

In an effort to further promote communication between campus organizations, the Student Government Association sponsored the first ever Presidents' Dinner.

On Thursday, Sept. 19, more than 40 student presidents gathered together representing almost every organization on campus. According to SGA President Christy Atkins, their goal is to open up the channels of communication between each organization and to make them feel comfortable coming to SGA with their ideas and concerns. Each organization was asked to fill out a survey explaining their hopes and goals for the coming year. As an incentive to complete the survey, a pizza party was raffled as a door prize. Slate Atkins hopes that the responses from the surveys will help gauge what SGA can do to help increase participation within the organizations and from the campus population.

In addition to the club presidents, President R. Thomas Williamson and his wife were also in attendance. Williamson, who was the keynote speaker, commended the leaders of the college and spoke about the characteristics that are evident in them: their worth of character, power of kindness, influence of example, obligation of duty, wisdom of economy, virtue of patience, joy of originating and the improvement of talent.

"This was the first event that I have attended in the lakeside room of the new campus center ballroom, and it was a wonderful way to break it in," Williamson said. Many agreed that the event should continue in future years. Everyone who attended enjoyed the evening, and many commented that it was a great way to begin the year.

"It really helped seeing who the new presidents of each organization are. I think that the dinner will spark better communication and a sense of unity between each group and SGA," senior Craig Rechichar said.

SGA has already done several things to increase awareness of upcoming events. The biggest source of the information is on the monthly Toilet Paper. The Toilet Paper is located in the dormitory restrooms and has monthly events that will be sponsored on campus or by campus organizations. Public Relations Chair Erin Halpin encourages any organization to contact her with information that they would like to have included on the Toilet Paper. The SGA is also hoping to build a stronger relationship between the students and the administration by holding a "time of the month" session. Students are encouraged to voice their concerns about issues facing the campus.

SGA is pushing toward more unified campus life for the coming year, and with their efforts so far, it is sure to be successful.

photo by Erin Gray

Student leaders met at the Presidents' Dinner sponsored by SGA.

Fraternity anticipates "Nu" beginnings

by Sara Ialongo
Staff Writer

From being disbanded to becoming active again, from making mistakes and paying the consequences, from weeding out the bad and starting fresh again, 'Nu' beginnings await the brothers of Sigma Nu.

The college now has five national fraternities functioning after Sigma Nu's suspension last spring when the chapter was held accountable for actions taken on its behalf. With 10 new officers leading the way, Sigma Nu, a.k.a. "The Snakes," are eager to be re-established on campus.

"Our chapter is in the rebuilding phase," said Sigma Nu-Epsilon Psi Vice-President, Tanner Larson. "We need to get things done the way that they should be done, and if we can instill this now then that will set the groundwork for the years to come."

Setting that groundwork for the chapter started months ago. In order to participate in Greek events this fall, the chapter president, Tony Griffith, and Larson had to attend College of Chapters, the fraternity's biennial leadership development conference held in Lexington, Va. The conference was an intensive program that focused on leadership, teambuilding, and the core principles of Sigma Nu.

"College of Chapters is important because it brings all the Sigma Nu chapters together," Griffith said. "The workshop promotes national success among the entire fraternity."

In the spring, the brothers and the new members will again occupy the Sigma Nu house. They will be permitted to fully participate in Greek organizations, fund-raisers, philanthropies and social activities. "This semester we plan on doing a lot of renovations to the house including new plumbing, flooring and painting." Griffith said.

The only stipulation for the reopening of the house is that there must be a 'live-in' resident advisor present for the spring 2004 semester. Pat Vereb, a 2003 graduate of the College and former member of Sigma Nu-Epsilon Psi, will be the live-in resident.

"I am excited to be a part of this 'Nu-Beginning' and thankful to have been granted the opportunity to do so," Vereb said. "The guys I'm working with are a good bunch ... and capable of getting this chapter going again, not just back to where it was, but to an even higher level than it has ever been."

Vereb's responsibilities include: living in the house, assisting the brothers to reestablish a fully functioning fraternity, helping the organization to contribute a positive impact in the community, and protecting that which is in the best interest of the college and the national fraternity.

For the service and philanthropy projects, Sigma Nu's plans go beyond their traditional Adopt-A-Highway event. This year the brothers are planning a spring philanthropy event in conjunction with Alpha Gamma Delta. Although the brothers would not disclose any specific details about the event, there's rumor of a kick ball tournament. According to Griffith, it will be the biggest event the campus has seen in years.

As with any rebuilding organization there are goals to be created and achieved. "We want to get everyone involved and expand our fraternity beyond the stereotypes," Larson said. "Another goal we have is to raise our GPA."

The officers are enforcing library study hours as an approach to meeting their GPA goals. Study hours are a way to get brothers in the library where they will be required to complete a certain amount study hours per week.

As an active fraternity on campus, the brothers will resume their weekly chapter meetings in the Campus Center. The chapter will retain long-time advisor Steve Montgomery, fellow Sigma Nu and Westminster graduate. "We will be including Steve Montgomery within the chapter because he's been so loyal," Griffith said.

The brothers anticipate a challenging and fun year. "The future will be bright for 'The Snakes', and I am pleased to have been asked to be a part of it," Vereb said.

With the brothers working hard to rebuild the chapter, recruit new members, and renovate the house, one thing remains unchanged- — the heated battle to be Greek Week Champions. The brothers anxiously await their Greek Week homecoming.

"We are two- time defending Greek Week Champions and look to defend our title this spring," Griffith said.

Campus formal has largest student turnout in years

by Abigail Ball
Staff Writer

On the night of Friday, Sept. 12, the Campus Programming Committee held an all-campus-formal aboard the Gateway Clipper Fleet's "Partyliner" in Pittsburgh.

Tickets were on sale from Friday, Sept. 5 through Thursday, Sept. 11 outside the cafeteria and in the Orchard Street Café.

"We sold tickets to around 250 people this year, which I believe is more than the last two years of the cruise. Some students were still asking me for tickets on Friday," CPC Chair Craig Carlin said. The cost was $8 for Westminster students and $10 for others.

Students gathered at the field house at 8:45 p.m. Tickets were collected and the students boarded the coach buses that transported them to and from downtown Pittsburgh.

Once the buses arrived in Station Square, the students walked to the waterfront and anxiously awaited the beginning of the dance. Those who were of legal drinking age were given wristbands after identification cards were checked. Once this was finished, students got onto the boat. The boat left the dock at 11:00 p.m. and traveled along the three rivers. Soon after the ship left, the dancing began. There was a disc jockey on board who played mostly fast, club style music and included only one slow song throughout the entire evening.

"It was fun to dance with friends, but I wish there had been a few more slow songs," sophomore Laurel Swope said.

The CPC provided cookies that were greatly appreciated because they were gone very quickly. Students danced the night away until 2:00 a.m. when the boat came back to shore.

"What could have been a better night than spending time with your friends on the beautiful river?" sophomore Bill Penwell asked.

The male students were dressed in suits and ties and the ladies wore their formal party attire.

"It was lovely seeing everyone dressed up and having such a good time," sophomore Erin Bartley said.

This was the third year of the all-campus-formal, which has always been held on board the Gateway Clipper Fleet. The CPC considered this year's formal a success. Associate Dean of Student Affairs Camille Hawthorne is the advisor for this organization.

"I consider the event a success because of the number of people who signed up and the feedback from the students who went," Hawthorne said.

The CPC is planning future events including comedians visiting the campus. Eric Neives will perform on Friday, Oct. 3 and Buzz Sutherland will perform on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Theater prepares for a semester of drama and comedy

by Courtney Turek
Staff Writer

Westminster will host three plays this semester.

Alpha Psi Omega, a theatre honorary society, will sponsor two shows, Shakespeare Abridged and Scapin, in addition to Theatre Westminster's performance of The Laramie Project.

Shakespeare Abridged is "a comedy in which four actors try to do all of Shakespeare's works within a two-hour period," according to the student director Bob Allen.

Slightly altered lines and scenes from William Shakespeare's original plays will comprise the show. Even his tragedies are twisted to create humor.

"It is a wildly fun show that will include sword fighting, fighting, rapping, super soakers, audience participation, hostage situations and even a high speed car chase...in real cars," Allen said.

Shakespeare Abridged will show in the Campus Center Club Room on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

The Laramie Project is the story of Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old who was murdered in 1998 because of his homosexuality. The play is based on more than 200 interviews from Laramie, Wyo. residents that took place over 18 months.

photo by Lindsey Robertson

Rehersals for The Laramie Project have gotten under way. The show will run Nov. 13 - 16.

Although the original had a cast of eight actors, 17 students will portray the 64 characters in the show.

The appearance of Judy Shepard, Matthew's mother, at Westminster two years ago is expected to create even more interest and anticipation for the show.

"This play will be a chance to make a statement of some kind, a chance for the audience to look at the world and to turn and look at themselves," said Dr. Scott Mackenzie, director of The Laramie Project.

The Laramie Project shows Nov. 13 - 16 in Beeghly Theater. If there is enough interest, another show will be added on Sunday.

Three weeks later, junior Rich Marmura will direct Scapin, a light-hearted comedy set in the 1600s. The show's slogan is "This December, deception is the name of the game." It has a twisted plot that is based on love, money and schemes.

Although only 14 official cast members appear in the show, the audience will see other faces on stage as well. The crew makes several cameo appearances, especially during a chaotic chase in the final scene.

Marmura is excited about Scapin and believes it will be an upbeat show to follow The Laramie Project. He best describes it as "Looney Tunes meets Monty Python meets Family Guy."

Scapin will have two evening performances on Dec. 5 and 6 in Beeghly Theater.

Renovations in Orr Auditorium and Patterson to begin over fall break

by Melissa Logan
Senior Staff Writer

Major renovations to Orr Auditorium and sections of Patterson Hall are scheduled to begin over the holiday break, nearly eight months after receiving a $1.7 million matching grant awarded by the state. Initial work was delayed because the state required a second approval of the project after Governor Ed Rendell took office.

"The change in government administration caused the delay," said President R. Thomas Williamson. "When Rendell took office, he reviewed all grant projects to be certain each was able to do what it was intended to do."

Thanks to the efforts of Thomas Taylor, Director of Research and Foundation Relations, and President Williamson, the project was re-proposed in less than two weeks after being notified that the process was necessary.

"President William and Tom Taylor did a marvelous job seeking support for this project," said Director of Celebrity Series Eugene DeCaprio. "President Williamson worked diligently to get the legislator's approval."

The idea to seek government funding for the project originated nearly five years ago. At that time, Westminster proposed raising the necessary money to construct a campus center. The building would have a number of facilities available for public use.

"Hence the Witherspoon Room," said President R. Thomas Williamson. "Our goal was to provide a meeting place for outside groups."

In turn, the state would grant matching funds to continue the community outreach efforts in a different area of the campus. Therefore, tuition dollars were not used in the construction of the McKelvey Campus Center or the renovation of Orr Auditorium.

"Westminster College serves the broader community in cultural programming," said DeCaprio. "Former Governor Mark Schweiker recognized what we give to the community and gave us the funds to better serve that community."

Community programs held at the College include high school honors band and chorus, Wilmington High School graduation, History Day, the Science Olympiad, and a number of other special programs.

Now that the money has been secured, renovation plans are underway. Already completed is the installation of some technical equipment. Yet to be done is the major bulk of the project.

Air conditioning, new seats, carpeting, and lighting will be installed in the Auditorium. Additionally, the dressing rooms will be renovated along with the women's restroom on the first floor. The facility will become more handicap-accessible as well. Further changes include a loading elevator from the outside to the stage.

The music department will likewise see a number of benefits. Classrooms will be cooler thanks to the new air conditioning.

"These changes will allow bigger and more technically complex shows to be offered at Westminster," said DeCaprio. "In turn, more people will be attracted to the area."

Sophomore Alycia McCullough said: "I am really excited about the new additions. I look forward to enjoying the Auditorium that much more."

The entire project is expected to be complete by next summer. "The new facility only enhances the reputation of the College and therefore the reputation of graduating from Westminster," said DeCaprio.

From Happy Bus to SADD Bus: New organization takes the wheel

by Laura Krutschnitt
Staff Writer

The Happy Bus has been taken over by a new organization on campus. Students Against Destructive Decisions will be driving the Happy Bus on weekends.

The Happy Bus used to be organized by the Inter Fraternal Council and Panhellenic Council. According to Dean of Student Affairs Neal Edman, a number of sorority national councils felt that if any problems occurred while their members were in control of the Happy Bus, their national name could be associated and they could potentially be held liable. Without the sororities' assistance, the fraternities were not permitted to drive the Happy Bus either. IFC and Pan-Hellenic Council decided to discontinue their association with the Happy Bus. Edman gives credit to members of SADD for taking the initiative to start an organization that would take on the responsibility of the program.

Edman believes that the Happy Bus is "a wonderful addition to the college." The Happy Bus started running ten years ago to provide safe transportation for students returning to campus from fraternity houses on the weekends.

"I think it's a great idea. It keeps noise disturbance down, it keeps students safe, and what's really nice is that it's student run," Edman said

"A lot of incidents occurred that first weekend after the Happy Bus services were discontinued. I wanted to keep the campus and community safe for people who do make those kinds of destructive decisions," said SADD President Chris Borsani.

The Happy Bus made its first round last weekend. SADD encountered a problem obtaining the school vans for use every weekend, so there will be a few weekends when the Happy Bus cannot run because the vans are already booked. Along with the usual stops at off-campus fraternity houses, SADD plans to add additional "bus stops" to the route.

There was a small snag in an otherwise successful first weekend. According to Digtial 88.9, New Wilmington Police say they pulled over the Happy Bus for going the wrong way on a one way street,Waugh Avenue by the Alpha Sigma Phi house.The bus driver received a $150 citation. Some students are complaining that police may be targeting the bus as well as students. However, Borough Police Chief Carmen Piccirillo says that's not accurate. He tells Digital 88.9 News that his department supports the mission of the happy bus.

Another improvement that SADD plans to make cannot go into effect until the organization gets an approved budget through SGA. Borsani hopes to purchase two-way radios that will be used to keep the Happy Bus drivers, fraternity risk management officers and campus security in contact with each other.

"I welcome this plan with open arms," said Edman. "I think SADD really has their bases covered. My only fear is that students won't act conscientiously. What if student drivers don't show up?" However, Borsani does not feel this will be a problem. He said many students are excited about this opportunity.

Students can still call it the Happy Bus, according to Borsani. "No one wants to ride something called the sad bus. That's just depressing," said Borsani.

SADD is a peer leadership organization dedicated to preventing destructive decisions, particularly those associated with underage drinking. An all campus e-mail was sent out for any students interested in joining SADD and driving the Happy Bus. Meetings for the organization will be held once a month. Anyone interested in joining SADD should contact Borsani or Vice-President Melanie Piddington.

Cline keeps field house sparkling with Titan pride

by Mike Mackin
Staff Writer

Some people would think that cleaning up after 20 sports teams each day would get frustrating, however, this is not the case for New Wilmington native Ken Cline.

Each morning for the past 18 years, Cline has been the first to arrive at Memorial Field House. Working from 6 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., he makes sure that everything is cleaned up for operations to run smoothly throughout the day. Prior to the arrival of coaches, trainers and teachers, Cline makes certain that his duties are done so that the faculty's day starts off on the right foot.

"Ken has made many things so easy for us all working here because he always finds something that needs to be done. He is a great worker and a friendly gentleman and he simply gets things done," said Athletic Director Jim Dafler.

Cline enjoys working in the field house because of his interest in sports. In the fall he can be seen roaming Burry Stadium cheering on the Titan football team, while in the winter he is a regular at the Buzz Ridl Gymnasium closely watching the girls' and boys' basketball teams take on their PAC opponents.

Besides getting to watch his favorite sports, Cline favors working in the newly remodeled fitness center and weight room. Various teams, coaches, trainers and many students use this room every day and it still looks brand new.

Although Cline loves to watch the football team, he does not take pleasure in cleaning up after the team. After practicing all afternoon for 15 weeks, the smell of shoulder pads, helmets and practice uniforms can become unbearable.

Cline regrets to say, "Cleaning the locker room during football season is not my favorite duty."

During the 2003 spring sports banquet, Dafler awarded Cline with the Honorary Titan Award. Dafler describes the recipient of the award as a person who has always been a great friend to Titan athletics. The coaches vote on this award, which is only given periodically to someone deserving.

"I was very surprised and also really honored," said Cline.

Working in the field house during the prime hours of the day, Cline sees many people come in and out of the doors before and after workouts, practices, meetings and class. If you see him during your stop at the field house each day, be sure to stop and say hi.

It is the dedication of individuals like Cline that makes Westminster a brighter place to live.

photo by Erin Gray
Janitor Ken Cline works hard behind the scenes to keep the Field House looking brand new.

Professor looks to teach karate, emphasize defense, fitness

by Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

Philosophy professor Mr. David Goldberg hopes to hold Shorin Ryu Karate classes on campus in the near future. So far, Goldberg is still solidifying a time and a place to hold the classes, but he hopes to have sessions at 7 p.m., perhaps on Mondays or Wednesdays. These times, however, are subject to change.

Goldberg would prefer the dance room in Old 77 because of its traditional hardwood floor and the mirrors, which are helpful for learning positions, but because of other student activities, this cannot be promised.

Shorin Ryu Karate, according to Goldberg, is a "very hard" style, as opposed to softer styles such as Kung Fu. "The basics are important," Goldberg said. "Block. Punch. Kick. We don't fly through the air or jump around. We are a very efficient system."

Goldberg dispels some rumors that might surround the martial art. "First off, it is not aggressive. We are always defensive. We defend first, then we act." He admits that, "to this day, I cannot strike a first blow."

Nor, Goldberg reminds students, will karate enable them to walk on water, through walls, or render them invincible.

Goldberg will be the class' sensei, having studied Shorin Ryu under Glen Graham, who was a student of the style's head, John Hamilton. Goldberg first studied the art in 1979.

The invitation to join classes is open to all students, whether they are "athletes or couch potatoes." "When I first started,I could barely do a pushup, I was so out of shape. It will get you into shape."

The program includes a cardiovascular workout, stretching, and as the classes progress, probably an exercise period.

Goldberg hopes students "will [come to] understand their body: balance, positioning, where their body is, and stability." Perhaps even a little more security in themselves, particularly of the mental sort, and not just the physical.

Senior Gwen Kennedy took karate between third and seventh grade and is considering taking it again under Goldberg. She claims that "it helps strengthen different parts of the body, like the legs."

However, Goldberg does not expect all the students to stick with it. "[You] can't think of this as a semester class," he warns. "What usually happens, and this is from 20 years in the art, [is that] there is a large influx of students." Some come to work out, some to learn how to defend themselves and some are just aggressive.

Over time, the numbers tend to reduce. "It's something that takes a lot of dedication," Goldberg said. "The ones who remain are those who get attached to the meditative aspect of it, not the ones who want to fight."

"I'm not a big advocate of breaking boards," Kennedy said. "It's not meant for show, it's meant for self-defense."

On the other hand, sophomore Jason Bedillion is more interested in improving his flexibility and learning new things than self-defense.

"If I seriously enjoy doing it, I'd like to keep up with it."

Computer jacks available for student use in campus center

by Nicole Kress
Staff Writer

Contrary to popular belief, there is no secret key or mystery person that will unlock the locked computer jacks in the new student center. The only two jacks that are currently working are already unlocked and have been since the beginning of the semester and will remain unlocked only while school is in session.

"I don't even know how to unlock them, so I don't bother trying to use them," sophomore Jennifer Neely said. Students seem to think that they need to have an official key to access the jacks.

"Currently there are only two jacks available and working in the Orchard Street Café, and they are always unlocked," said Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Camille Hawthorne.

The two that work are located on the left side of the Orchard Street Café when you enter the student center. The jacks are connected in the booths that have the screens. The rest of the jacks along that wall are not yet connected and the doors do not open the correct way. The doors on the jacks that are currently working lift up and slide back. The ones that remain locked flip down and would be in the way of people if they were trying to do work or eat. Besides that, the wiring is not hooked up.

"If it seems as though people are using the two jacks that are currently up and running, the school might look into connecting the rest of the jacks but for now the two down there already are it," said Hawthorne.

The booths on the opposite side of the Café next to the mailroom were not intended to have computer jacks at all. There was a misunderstanding with the contractors when putting in the jacks; they thought it was a good idea to make everything uniform so they added the doors to the booths on the other side. After everything was said and done, it was easier and less costly to just leave the doors there rather than having to re do the entire set of booths.

"The jacks in the Orchard Street Café were not necessarily designed for individual students to come and do work, essentially they were put in for students who need to work on something together, and need to bring it up on a screen in which they both can see what they are working with," Hawthorne said.

Plenty of other jacks are available in the Campus Center if students are looking for a quiet place to study. Jacks located on the second and third floor enclaves and they should all be up and working. Sodexho and the Orchard Street Café do not want students staying for hours on end working, they would rather see tables turn over and be used for eating.

So if no computer jacks available or not working the best thing to do would be to contact Hawthorne.

"There are numbers on every port, just like the ones in the dorm, if a port is not working, or one of the ones on the second or third floor aren't working, write down the number and tell me where it is located and we can take a look at it, otherwise they should all be up and working just fine," Hawthorne said.

SAA builds relationships with alumni

by Lindsay Painter
Staff Writer

The Student Alumni Association serves as the link that connects current students with alumni. SAA consists of about 40 students who help plan many campus events for alumni.

SAA had its third annual retreat on Friday, Sept. 19. This retreat focused on the basics of working receptions at the President's house. Serving drinks and food and hanging up coats are just a few of the things that were covered during this training.

Senior Melanie Piddington looked forward to this retreat. "The retreat is always a good time and we learn a lot about alumni and Westminster," Piddington said.

This was also a time for different committees to get together and plan activities for the upcoming year.

Homecoming weekend is a major event for SAA. They are planning an all campus tour on Friday and a celebration dinner later that night. On Saturday there will be an alumni luncheon and reunion. Following the Titan football game, everyone can witness the ringing of Old Main's victory bell.

"Homecoming is a very fun time, not only for alumni, but also for students. It's nice to see everyone interacting together," said SAA President Tara Timpano.

SAA provides shuttle and van transportation throughout homecoming weekend. SAA is expecting any where between 1,000 to 2,000 alumni on campus during homecoming.

On Sept. 25, 26, and 29, students have a chance to sign up for a job shadowing experience with Westminster graduates in the Orchard Street Café from 11a.m. to 1p.m. Members of SAA will be registering the first 40 students who are interested.

This job shadowing experience will take place during the Christmas break. Students who are interested in a certain field of study will be paired up with recruited alumni and shadow them for one day out of the break.

Mary James, SAA advisor, wants students to take advantage of every chance SAA offers. "I hope students get the opportunity to connect with alumni," she said.

SAA is always looking for new ways to serve the campus. Events that take place on campus, such as Mardi Gras and homecoming, are special because they bring the alumni back.

"The relationships we build with alumni are so important," senior Ashley Mondale said.

This is true because alumni give a substantial amount of financial support to the college.

Last year approximately 36 percent of alumni made donations to the Westminster Fund.

Fitness center to open homecoming weekend

by Andrea Thompson
Staff Writer

The big game will not be the only highlight of homecoming weekend this year. Students and faculty are also welcome to attend the grand opening of the Marjorie A. Walker Recreation Center on Friday, Oct. 17 in Old 77.

The dedication will recognize Walker's work and accomplishments at Westminster. Professor S. Kipley Haas is very proud of Walker's support of the Lady Titans.

"She had been Assistant Athletic Director and a volleyball coach here for 30 years. She has been retired for 10 years but still continues to support all Lady Titans," she said.

The new Recreation Center, which will be open to all students and faculty, will focus on cardiovascular fitness. The new machines are ideal for working the heart, exercising the muscles and circulating oxygen throughout the body.

It will contain 18 machines, including treadmills, stair masters, bikes and rowing machines. Televisions and a sound system were installed to add a more modern atmosphere to the center.

Besides new machines, new programs and classes may be offered if an instructor is willing to teach them. Possible classes include pilates, kickboxing, aerobics and yoga.

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Police officer charged with breaking into his own church in Massillon

MASSILLON, Ohio (AP) A police officer described as religious by co-workers has been charged in a church break-in after a security videotape showed a uniformed officer kicking in doors leading to the church office.

Police Chief Mark D. Weldon said detectives identified 11-year Officer Michael J. Flara after reviewing the tape provided by church officials. He was arrested at his home Thursday night, his day off, and investigators said he acknowledged the break-in.

Flara pleaded innocent to a misdemeanor theft plea on Friday in Massillon Municipal Court. He didn't enter pleas to felony charges accusing him of breaking into and vandalizing Central Presbyterian Church.

The chief said Flara told detectives he entered the church looking for money but didn't take anything.

"He's having some personal problems at this time and he needed money," Weldon said. The chief would not elaborate on what those problems are.

Flara is on unpaid leave pending the outcome of the case. He was freed Friday on a $15,000 personal recognizance bond. His home telephone number is unlisted.

Flara was assigned the 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. road patrol shift, the chief said.

Someone entered the church through an unlocked basement window about 1:30 a.m. Thursday.

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"There's a whole gamut of emotion here: stunned, shocked," Weldon said. "We just can't quite understand it."

"Strangely enough, he is more actively religious than most of the other officers. My lieutenant said something about he was hosting a Bible group or a prayer group in his home."

Video depicts death of bank robber, killed by bomb locked to his neck

ERIE, Pa. (AP) Graphic video footage depicting how a man who robbed a bank died when a bomb locked to his neck detonated has appeared on Web sites and has popped up in e-mail inboxes.

The images of the exact moment of Brian Douglas Wells' death have not been televised. Most news stations have chosen to show footage of Wells sitting on the ground shortly before the bomb detonated, as police surrounded the 46-year-old pizza deliveryman following the Aug. 28 robbery of a PNC Bank branch near Erie.

However, a one-minute clip shot by an employee at WJET-TV in Erie has been turning up on the Internet via Web journals and e-mail, the Erie Times-News reported in its Sunday editions.

Chris Huston, news director at WJET, said he was aware that the video footage was being circulated, but neither he nor his colleagues know who leaked it or how.

"We wish we did (know)," Huston said. "The reality is that, these days, dubs can be made any number of ways. Once a tape is out, it's out."

The television station has not aired its entire footage, but it did show a still photograph taken from the video that depicts the exact moment of the blast. Huston said station officials decided to show the photograph after an extensive debate and have no plans to show the photo again.

"We were doing a story that specifically looked at the theory that the bomb explosion intended to hurt others and not Wells. The video of that explosion seemed to support that," Huston said.

An online log created by Greg Valiga, 44, of Erie, provides a link to a site that provides the entire video footage of Wells' death, as well as other graphic video footage. He decided to provide a link when he noticed visitors were using the search engine he provides on his Web log, or blog, to look for information about Wells.

Since then, his Web journal received as many as 550 hits in one day. The site normally receives about 40 hits a day, Valiga said.

"I've thought about my role in this," Valiga said. "If somebody wants to blame me for allowing people to see this, what about the responsibility of WJET to have filmed it? What about the responsibility of whoever leaked it or the people who are searching for it?" Valiga said.

The FBI continues to lead a task force investigating Wells' death.

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Guards show support for troops

PITTSBURGH (AP) Prison guards will be allowed to wear flag pins on their uniforms, at least temporarily, under a reversal by the state Corrections Department.

Early this month, Corrections Secretary Jeffrey A. Beard issued a memorandum prohibiting correctional officers from wearing flag pins and yellow ribbons on their uniforms, saying they violated departmental policy.

A week later, on Sept. 9, Beard reversed himself, allowing guards to wear the pins - not the ribbons - at least until he finds "a compromise that suits everybody," corrections spokeswoman Sue McNaughton said. No other kind of pins are allowed under the temporary policy.

Many guards are wearing the pins in support of American troops overseas.

According to a spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Corrections Officers Association, many guards were upset by the policy because it only applies to officers in uniform - not those who wear civilian clothes.

Beard initially said the pins violated policy because they could be seen as a political statement and that guards who do not wear the pins could be pressured by others to do so.

The issue was raised this spring, when guards at the maximum-security state prison in Greene County began wearing pins depicting American flags and yellow ribbons as a show of support for troopers at war in Iraq.

In reversing the Sept. 2 memorandum, Beard said he did not want the policy to become divisive.

Athletes suspect of hazing

PHILADELPHIA (AP) A grand jury is investigating allegations that high school football players from New York sexually assaulted teammates during a hazing ritual at a preseason training camp, a prosecutor said Monday.

State police and the grand jury are investigating whether members of the Mepham High School football team in Bellmore, N.Y., sodomized younger players with a broomstick, pine cones and golf balls during a five-day trip to the Camp Wayne for Girls in Preston Park, Pa., said the Wayne County, Pa., District Attorney, Mark R. Zimmer.

Zimmer called the allegations, "disgusting and horrific."

Sixty players and five coaches with the team attended the camp last month. Officials said the coaches slept in a different cabin from students and were unaware of any problems until a parent complained.

Mepham High School suspended three players following the allegations. The Bellmore-Merrick school district canceled the team's entire season last week, citing evidence that "a significant majority" of the team's players violated the district's code of conduct.

Explosion causes evacuaton

MIAMISBURG, Ohio (AP) About 2,000 people who live near a chemical plant rocked by an explosion remained away from their homes early Monday while fire officials tried to determine if it was safe to end the evacuation.

The blast occurred Sunday morning while firefighters were working with six employees at the Isotec plant to contain a nitric oxide leak, Miami Township fire Chief David Fulmer said. No one else was in the plant at the time.

People living within a mile of the plant near this Dayton suburb were evacuated overnight because firefighters feared a possible second explosion, Fulmer said. Other chemicals were stored in the area where the explosion happened, including a large tank of carbon monoxide, he said.

Investigators had not determined the cause of the leak or the explosion. However, Miami Township police spokesman John DiPietro said preliminary data indicated a failure in a storage tank might have allowed the volatile nitric oxide gas to heat up and explode.

One worker was treated for a cut on the head.

The plant is owned by Simga-Aldrich Corp., a St. Louis-based supplier of chemicals to research laboratories. Messages left at the plant and at company headquarters were not returned.

Crayola plans to retire colors

EASTON, Pa. (AP) Crayola plans to retire four colors from its crayon collection and add four new ones at the company's 100th birthday celebration next month.

Crayon fans voted in an online campaign to spare one of five colors - Burnt Sienna, Teal Blue, Blizzard Blue, Mulberry and Magic Mint - that the company had selected to be eliminated. Crayola officials chose five colors that they considered redundant or unattractive on paper, company spokeswoman Stacy Gabrielle said.

The winning color of the "Save the Shade" campaign will be announced at Crayola's Oct. 11 birthday party.

The celebration includes a parade, titled "Discover the Color of Crayola," featuring bands from a middle school, selected high schools and Lehigh University.

The company plans to unveil the new Crayola colors, as well as the world's largest crayon, after the parade.

Crayola retired eight colors in 1990.

Volunteers work to restore bridge

PITTSBURGH (AP) More than 100 Boy Scouts and volunteers are busy repainting almost 300 cast iron seals adorning a bridge honoring George Washington's treacherous crossing of the Allegheny River.

Volunteers have been working since July, repainting the 292 plaques that adorned the half-mile 40th Street Bridge, also known as the Washington's Crossing Bridge, between Pittsburgh and Millvale. The plaques depict the official seals of the 13 colonies and Allegheny County.

Officials hope to have the plaques ready for an Oct. 18 re-creation of Washington's crossing in 1753 with his accomplished scout, Christopher Gist.

Washington and Gist were stranded on an island when the raft began to sink midway across, throwing the future president into freezing water. The two crossed the next morning when the river froze.

Washington was on a mission to Fort LeBoeuf in what is now Erie County to tell the French to vacate the premises on orders of Virginia Gov. Robert Dinwiddie. Despite Washington's travails, the French sent him packing.

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University administrator arrested on fraud charges, held on bail

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) A former administrator at Florida Atlantic University was arrested Monday on charges she arranged for the school's outgoing president to receive a $42,000 gift to buy a Corvette.

Carla Coleman, who led the school's fund-raising foundation, was charged with felony official misconduct, said Florida Department of Law Enforcement agent Mike Driscoll. She was being held on $3,000 bail.

A former administrator at Florida Atlantic University was arrested on Monday on charges she arranged for the school's outgoing president to receive a $42,000 gift to buy a Corvette.

Investigators found that Coleman "orchestrated a plan to get the Corvette" for former president Anthony Catanese, Driscoll said.

Catanese, who now heads the private Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, recently returned $42,000 to FAU. He will not be charged, Driscoll said.

Motor vehicle records show Catanese bought a red 2002 Corvette on July 24, 2002, three weeks after he left the school. He had denied getting the car from the FAU Foundation.

The foundation's board of directors had discussed giving Catanese a Corvette before he left the university, but the purchase was not approved, investigators said.

Coleman then "devised a scheme" to funnel money to buy the Corvette through an interior design firm that had decorated the university's presidential mansion, according to a state attorney's report.

Coleman sent a $42,000 invoice for consulting work to the firm, and instructed the firm's owners to give the money to Catanese's wife, who was listed as an employee.

The owners of the interior design firm will not be charged if they continue to cooperate with prosecutors, said Mike Edmondson, a spokesman for the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office.

Coleman, 51, resigned from FAU last month. A call to her attorney was not returned.

Convict wants to take blame for 13 other murders in order to get book deal

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) A convicted murderer claims in letters to a prosecutor and newspaper reporters that he has killed as many as 13 other women, but a prosecutor remains skeptical.

Evansville and state police detectives have begun investigating the claims that Joseph Weldon Brown, 47, made in letters to Vanderburgh County Prosecutor Stan Levco and reporters of the Evansville Courier & Press.

Police interviewed Brown on Wednesday at the Wabash Valley Correctional Center in Carlisle, where he is serving a sentence of life without parole for the August 2000 slaying of Ginger Gasaway, 53.

Brown confessed to killing Gasaway in a fit of anger because she had resumed seeing her estranged husband. He admitted dismembering the corpse with a saw and scattering the body parts in bags and boxes across Gibson, Posey and Warrick counties of southwestern Indiana.

"We know for certain he committed one murder, and anybody who is capable of killing somebody is capable of killing another," Levco said. "I'm skeptical, but we have to check out his claims."

Indiana State Police said they are investigating whether Brown is linked to the 1997 strangulation death of Andrea Michelle Hendrix-Steinert, 28, of Evansville. Her body was found in a Gibson County ditch in 1997.

In his letters, Brown claims the other slayings occurred between 1995 and 2000. In the letter sent to Levco in early September, he said he was ready to confess to 13 murders and that four of the murders took place in Indiana. Brown did not identify his alleged victims by name.

Brown, a native of Cynthiana, also wrote letters to the three female reporters of the Courier & Press requesting that one of them interview him in prison. Brown said he wanted to talk to someone interested in "doing a book about these murders and my life."

In the handwritten letters dated Aug. 27, Brown wrote, "When the time is right I will do the right thing in turning over all the IDs I have on these murdered women and confess to all 13 murders."

Brown also has contacted Evansville Police Sgt. Rick Reed, one of the officers to whom Brown initially confessed details of the Gasaway murder.

In the letters, Brown did not identify his alleged victims by name.

A psychiatric evaluation of Brown contained in court records reveals he has a long history of mental illness, including an inability to control rage, an obsessive-compulsive disorder, and depression exacerbated by drug use.

Brown was sentenced to life in prison in 1977 for the kidnapping, robbery and battery of a friend from Owensville. He was released on early parole in June 1995.

National Briefs

Operative changes campaigns

LITTLE ROCK (AP) A former operative for John Kerry's presidential campaign, who defected to retired Gen. Wesley Clark's camp last week, was named the Clark campaign's communications director Monday.

Kym Spell moved to Clark's Little Rock headquarters last week after leaving her post as spokeswoman for Kerry's campaign in New Hampshire, a crucial early primary state.

Kerry, a Massachusetts senator, and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean were battling for control in New Hampshire, a neighbor for both. But a nationwide Newsweek poll released Monday shows Clark jumped ahead of both of those rivals to lead the race of 10 Democrats.

Spell served as deputy communications director for former Vice President Al Gore's 2000 presidential campaign, said Mark Fabiani, one of Clark's top advisers.

Spell replaced Mary Jacoby as Clark's official spokesman. Jacoby served as press secretary in the campaign's first week and will continue to coordinate the media in Little Rock, Jacoby said.

"We're building a great team here, including Mary," Spell said in a telephone interview from Clark's plane. Clark was slated to appear Monday night at a fund raiser in a private home in the Soho section of New York.

Crematory case resurfaces

LaFAYETTE, Ga. (AP) The former Tri-State Crematory operator accused of dumping hundreds of corpses instead of cremating them is scheduled to appear in court for his arraignment Tuesday.

Ray Brent Marsh, 29, will enter his plea on 787 felony counts of burial service fraud, making false statements, abuse of a dead body and theft. He's been free on bond since last August.

Investigators discovered 334 corpses in February 2002 all over the Tri-State Crematory property, including some stuffed in burial vaults.

Defense attorney Ken Poston said he would file 50 to 60 motions after the arraignment is held, including a motion for a change of venue because of pretrial publicity.

Besides the criminal case, relatives of the dead have filed a class-action lawsuit against Marsh for failing to perform cremations.

Statue of Liberty security boost

NEW YORK (AP) Security was tightened at the Statue of Liberty because of a threat to destroy the landmark in New York Harbor, authorities said Monday.

The threat, from a "domestic" source, had warned of an attack on Sunday, authorities said.

No trouble was reported by Monday and both Liberty Island and neighboring Ellis Island remained open and were operating normally, said Edie Shean-Hammond, a National Park Service regional spokeswoman.

The FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force alerted the National Park Service. Police provided additional boat and air patrols around the islands.

"We take all threats seriously and respond to them accordingly," Shean-Hammond said.

After the 2001 attack on the World Trade Center towers, just across the harbor, Liberty Island was closed to tourists for 100 days. The interior of the statue itself remains closed, according to the Park Service Web site.

Steering defect investigated

WASHINGTON (AP) The federal government is investigating a possible steering defect that could affect 714,000 General Motors Corp. vehicles.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Monday it has received 357 complaints that the steering in the vehicles locked up or lost power. In some cases, the vehicles became difficult to steer while making left turns.

The vehicles involved were built between Jan. 1, 1996, and Oct. 31, 1997, NHTSA said. They are the 1996-98 Buick Regal, the 1997-98 Buick Century, the 1996-98 Chevrolet Lumina and Monte Carlo, the 1996-97 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme and the 1998 Oldsmobile Intrigue.

GM spokesman Jim Schell said the company is cooperating with the investigation. NHTSA's vehicle investigations can lead to a recall.

The vehicles have a steering rack identical to the one found in 1.1 million GM vehicles that were recalled last year for steering problems. The vehicles recalled were the Chevrolet Cavalier, Venture and Lumina; the Pontiac Sunfire, Transport and Grand Prix; and the Oldsmobile Silhouette. All of those vehicles were manufactured between 1996 and 1997.

Schell said GM did its own investigation and decided there wasn't enough data to expand the recall to the vehicles NHTSA is now investigating.

Bush visits storm wreckage

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) President Bush flew here by helicopter on Monday to be briefed by state and federal officials on the hurricane that left 19 dead and thousands without power in Virginia.

Bush traveled to Richmond Monday to visit an emergency operations center at the Virginia State Police Academy and thank first-responders, rescue workers and volunteers for their response and recovery work, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

"He will receive an update on the damage from Hurricane Isabel and an update on our response and recovery efforts," McClellan said Monday. "The president will participate in a video conference with governors and emergency management officials from some of the most impacted areas."

Nineteen deaths in Virginia have been blamed on the storm - six in storm-related road accidents, five by falling tree limbs, five drownings and three apparently by carbon monoxide poisoning from generators.

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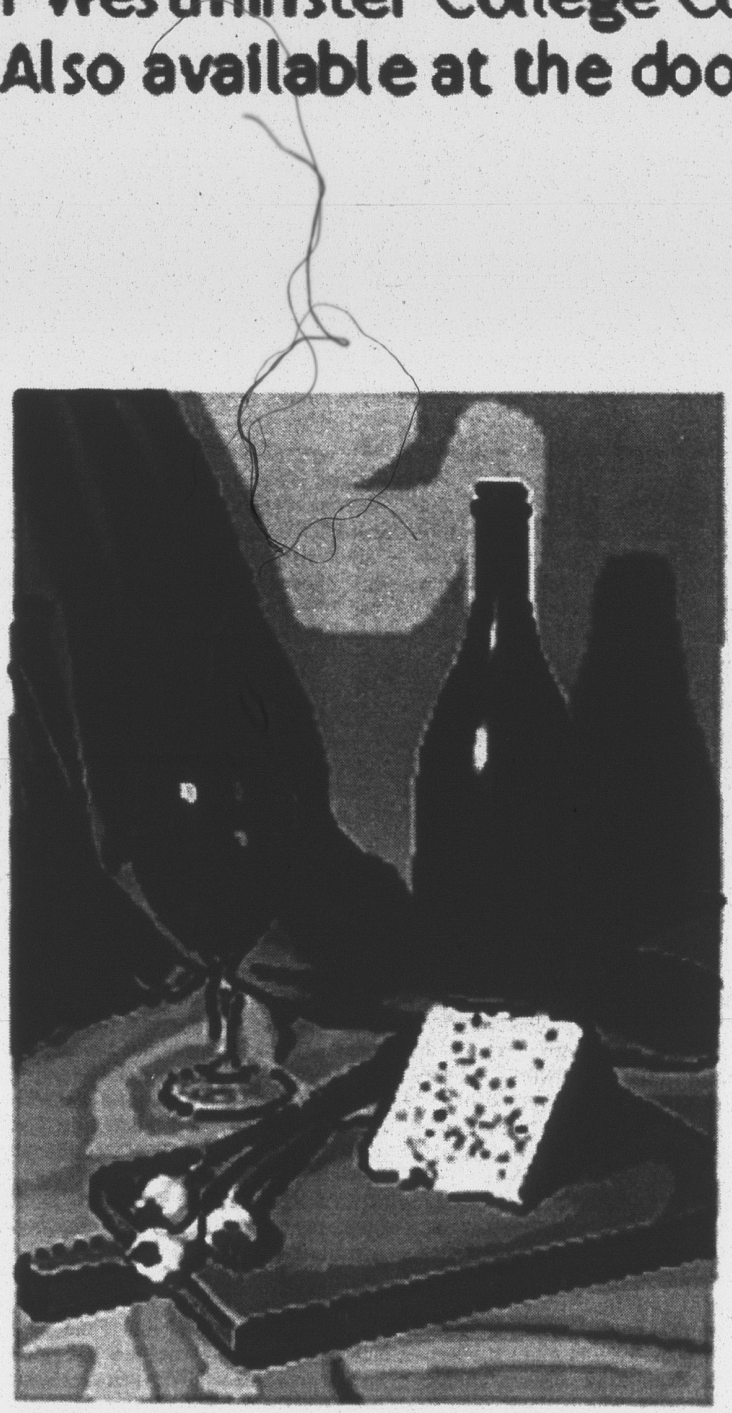

INTERNATIONAL

Student arrested for connections to al-Qaida

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) Pakistani police captured the younger brother of Hambali, Osama bin Laden's point man for Southeast Asia, in an arrest that may help unravel a tangled web of links between al-Qaida and the Jemaah Islamiyah terror group blamed for the deadly Bali bombings.

Rusman Gunawan, an Indonesian, was among 17 students detained Saturday in raids on three Islamic schools in the southern port city of Karachi - the latest in a string of high-profile arrests of terror suspects in this Muslim country.

The students "are suspected terrorists or have links with terrorists," Foreign Ministry spokesman Massood Khan said Monday.

Gunawan was believed to be in charge of Jemaah Islamiyah's Pakistan branch and to have arranged trips for Hambali to Pakistan and Afghanistan, according to an Indonesian-based terrorism expert who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Hambali, 39, whose real name is Riduan Isamuddin, was Southeast Asia's most wanted man until he was arrested Aug. 11 in Thailand by Thai police and the CIA. U.S. authorities then flew him to an undisclosed location. Many Indonesians use only their given names, so family members often don't share a surname.

"Yes, the brother of Hambali is among the 13 Malaysian and two Indonesian students who were detained in Karachi," Interior Ministry spokesman Iftikhar Ahmad told AP on Monday. Two students from Myanmar were also arrested in the raids.

It was not clear what authorities planned to do with Gunawan, or whether he is wanted by the United States. The U.S. Embassy in Islamabad said it had no immediate comment.

In the Indonesian capital, Jakarta, police spokesman Zainuri Lubis said they had no evidence of wrongdoing against Gunawan and would not seek his extradition.

Temu Alam, an official with the Indonesian consulate in Karachi, was quoted by the Indonesian news agency Antara as saying the consulate had requested access to the prisoner.

Southeast Asian security officials accuse Hambali of planning the bombings last October in the Indonesian resort island of Bali; the Bali blasts killed 202 people, mostly Western tourists. He is also accused of planning the Aug. 5 bombing of a hotel in Jakarta, in which 12 died.

Hambali is said to have trained under bin Laden in Afghanistan in the 1990s. In Southeast Asia, he is seen foremost as the militant who brought al-Qaida-style attacks to the region.

Many Jemaah Islamiyah leaders are Indonesians who trained at al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan. Authorities have uncovered an elaborate network of links between the two groups following the arrests of top militants.

Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks who was captured in Pakistan in March, has allegedly said he contacted Jemaah Islamiyah in 2000 to recruit operatives for a ``second wave of hijacking attacks to occur after Sept. 11,'' according to interrogation reports reviewed by AP.

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf will address the U.N. General Assembly in New York on Wednesday about his country's role in fighting terrorism.

Several of Pakistan's high-profile arrests of suspected terrorists have coincided with major international diplomatic events.

Exactly a year after Sept. 11, 2001, a suspected planner of the attacks, Ramzi Binalshibh, was captured in the southern city of Karachi. Then, in June, three days after Musharraf met President Bush in the United States, authorities arrested another al-Qaida operative and seized a video cassette that was purportedly of bin Laden warning of attacks against U.S. interests.

Pakistani officials have denied that they orchestrate the timing of the operations, saying the link is coincidental.

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International Briefs

Army convicts elephant poachers

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) A court martial has convicted an army officer for killing seven elephants in a national park and sentenced him to 18 months in a civilian prison, an army spokesman said Monday.

Lt. Paddy Ankunda said the court martial sitting Sept. 19 in the northern town of Gulu also discharged Second Lt. Emmy Kisembo Lukwago from the army with dishonor for killing the animals in Murchison Falls National Park in July with the intent to sell their ivory.

"This officer was supposed to protect the animals but turned into a poacher and masterminded the killing," Ankunda said. "We looked on it as an act of jeopardy to the tourism industry."

The Uganda Wildlife Authority welcomed the verdict.

"We hope this serves as a warning to wildlife lawbreakers to avoid this kind of crime," UWA spokesperson Barbra Musoke said.

Uganda's once plentiful herds of elephants were decimated by marauding army troops during the 1971-79 rule of Idi Amin. Many of the animals fled to neighboring Congo but returned to Uganda when fighting broke out in Congo in the late 1990s.

Academics against cloning

LONDON (AP) Britain's leading academic institution, the Royal Society, on Monday backed calls for a worldwide ban on human reproductive cloning.

The Royal Society, the world's oldest scientific academy, added its voice to those of more than 60 science academies around the world which have called for the ban.

Members of the Inter-Academy Panel on International Issues, which represents scientific academies, will present the statement to the United Nations when it discusses human cloning on Sept. 29.

Britain in 2001 was the first country to allow cloning for stem cell research, but it does not permit cloning to produce babies.

"Research indicates that human cloning is a threat to the health of both the cloned child and the mother," said Lord May, president of the Royal Society.

TV network banned

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) Authorities in eastern Afghanistan have halted a cable TV network's transmission, accusing it of violating a ban on broadcasting Western and Indian music and movies, the cable operator said Monday.

Afghanistan's supreme court in December ordered cable networks not to broadcast Western and Indian programs that show men and women singing and dancing together, because such images could offend Islamic and local culture. News and sports channels are permitted.

Officials last week halted operations at The Afghan Cable Center in Jalalabad, capital of Nangarhar province, said the company's head, Humayun, who like many Afghans uses a single name.

He denied he had violated the ban.

Humayun said he expects the ban to be lifted soon, and a team of censors appointed to monitor television content.

Only a few people can afford TV sets in poverty-stricken Afghanistan, and state-run television resumed transmission after a U.S.-led coalition ousted the country's hard-line Taliban militia in late 2001.

The Taliban had banned television, movies, music and many other forms of entertainment under their strict interpretation of Islamic laws.

Thirteenth Neo-Nazi arrest

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) German authorities have made a 13th arrest after foiling a suspected neo-Nazi plot to bomb the ceremony launching the construction of a new synagogue in Munich, federal prosecutors said Monday.

The suspect, identified only as a 20-year-old man, was arrested in Munich on Sunday, said Frauke Scheuten, spokeswoman for federal prosecutors in Karlsruhe. She declined to elaborate.

Twelve others, including well-known neo-Nazi Martin Wiese, have been arrested since Sept. 9 in connection with the alleged plot to bomb the Nov. 9 ceremony.

The main Munich synagogue destroyed by the Nazis was never rebuilt. Instead, the Jewish community established three smaller synagogues.

Russian fugitive arrested

ATHENS, Greece (AP) Russian authorities requested the extradition Monday of fugitive media tycoon Vladimir Gusinsky on fraud and money laundering charges, officials said.

Gusinsky, who once controlled Russia's influential NTV television network, was arrested on an international warrant in Athens on Aug. 21 after traveling to Greece from Israel. He was released on bail a week later and ordered to remain in Greece.

The Justice Ministry said the extradition request would be sent Tuesday to an appeal court judge to begin the review process, which could take about a week. If the courts back the extradition, the final decision would rest with Justice Minister Stefanos Petsalnikos.

A Greek court had set an Oct. 1 deadline for the extradition request.

Gusinsky, 50, claims the charges against him are politically motivated in retaliation for NTV's critical coverage of Russian President Vladimir Putin and the war in Chechnya.

In 2001, Russia's state-owned gas monopoly Gazprom took over Gusinsky's media holdings - a move was widely criticized as a blow to media freedom in Russia.

Gusinsky, who holds both Russian and Israeli passports, was arrested in December 2000 at his home in Spain. But in 2001, a Spanish court refused to extradite him, saying the grounds for the case wouldn't amount to a crime in Spain.

Greece, however, has deeper political and economic ties with Russia.

SPORTS

Titans play home opener against Mansfield

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

In their first home action of the season, the Westminster Titan football team lost to NCAA Division II opponent, the Mansfield Mountaineers, by the score of 50-17.

Despite playing a highly competitive first half, the Titans fell as the Mountaineers posted 28 unanswered second half points. The Mountaineers only led 22-17 at halftime.

Assistant Coach Pat Vereb commented on the Titan loss: "A Div. III team is already at a disadvantage when 'playing up', and being as young as we are, particularly on defense, it has been hard to compete to this point.

"No excuses though, we have made mistakes that have taken us out of the two games thus far," Vereb continued.

The loss drops the Titans' season mark to 0-2.

Westminster fell behind early as a Titan punt was blocked by Mansfield's Dan Holland. The play resulted in a safety and the Titans trailed 2-0.

However, on the Titans' next offensive play, senior quarterback Matt Robison lofted a fade down the left sideline, hitting senior wide receiver Brian Ekis in stride. Ekis took the pass 65 yards to pay dirt.

The teams traded scores throughout the first half. After a Mansfield touchdown, junior running back Scott Froelich powered eight yards to take the lead at 14-9.

Trailing 22-14, freshman kicker Jason Montgomery connected on a 35-yard field goal and the half ended at 22-17.

In the second half, the Mountaineers tallied four touchdowns while the Titans failed to find the end zone.

Scott Froelich, Westminster's All-American candidate, failed to the reach the 100-yard plateau. Froelich finished with 70 yards on 24 carries and a lone touchdown.

In the loss, Ekis posted a career day. Ekis hauled in eight balls for a career high 154 yards receiving. He also tallied a touchdown.

"Posting a career high is always a great feeling especially when you do it against a tough defense like Mansfield's," Ekis said. "However, there is no time for smiles and personal pride when you do not win the football game."

Defensively, junior safety Kevin Kresinski paced Westminster with ten tackles and sophomore defensive end Adam Hadbavny earned 1 1/2 sacks.

photo by Willis Bretz
Brian Ekis goes airborne to receive the ball.

On special teams, kick returner Sean Buggey continued his elusiveness, returning three kicks for 68 yards. His long of 41 yards in the first quarter started a 46-yard touchdown drive.

"Both our offense and defense have played well at times, but what we really need to do is to bring it all together," Vereb said. "It has to be a total team effort!"

The Titans get a chance to bring it together on Saturday, September 27 when they travel to Meadville to battle the Allegheny Gators. Kickoff is at 1 p.m.

NFL Weekly: Will Steelers and Browns win again?

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

Arizona at St. Louis

Marshall Faulk's latest injury was a devastating blow to the Rams offense. With Faulk sidelined for at least six weeks, the pressure is now on Mark Bulger to get the job done for St. Louis. The Rams should not have lost last week's game to Seattle. That would've been such a huge divisional win on the road. They just couldn't close the game out. Even with Arizona coming off its huge win at home over Green Bay I can't see them pulling another upset. I'm going with St. Louis.

San Francisco at Minnesota

If it weren't for a bonehead play and 4th quarter collapse the last two weekends, this 49er team could be 3-0. Instead, they are 1-2 and in desperate need of a win. Where have the big plays from Terrell Owens been? He has 20 catches for 244 yards, but only one of those catches has been for a touchdown. San Francisco needs this game very badly. With Culpepper likely out, look for the 49ers defense to step it up and carry San Francisco to victory.

Tennessee at Pittsburgh

Both of these teams bounced back nicely last week. Tennessee had a convincing win at New Orleans while the Pittsburgh defense played very solid against Cincinnati. Without question this is the Game of the Week. Pittsburgh is looking for payback after last year's AFC Divisional playoff loss. I think Maddox will have a huge day. The Steelers will be too tough at home and they'll get heir revenge.

New England at Washington

In my eyes, the Washington Redskins are the weakest 2-1 team in the NFL, and here's why I say that. They beat a Jets team without Chad Pennington by only 3, a Falcon team without Michael Vick by only 2, and they folded in the 4th quarter of last weekend's game against the rival Giants. So what do I think about this weekend's game? New England will win by at least two touchdowns.

Jacksonville at Houston

This game is an absolute must-win for Jacksonville. You can't start the season off 0-3, lose to the Texans, and then expect to make the playoffs. It looks like rookie quarterback Byron Leftwich will be getting the start. That could spell trouble for the Jags. I can't see them winning at Houston this week. That's right, I'm picking the Texans.

Philadelphia at Buffalo

The Eagles could be the most disappointing team of this early NFL season. On the other hand, Buffalo might be the most exciting. Despite playing horrible last Sunday night, I think the Bills are for real. An AFC East division title is not out of the question. This would be a statement win for Buffalo. Philly needs to win very badly. At win at Buffalo could turn their season around. It won't happen this week though. The Bills are going to be too much at home.

Cincinnati at Cleveland

If the Browns lose this game, they don't deserve to go to the playoffs. The Bengals are going to improve game-by-game. Marvin Lewis is a good fit for that team. Unfortunately for Cincy fans, the first win will not come this weekend. The Browns should roll.

Kansas City at Baltimore

I'm willing to admit that I was wrong about Kansas City. To this point in the season, they look like the team to beat in the AFC. There first true road test though comes next weekend at Denver. As for this week, they should have no trouble with rookie quarterback Kyle Boller. The Chiefs will win big.

San Diego at Oakland

What is wrong with these two teams? San Diego has been a big disappointing so far, and you can say the same for Oakland. Obviously, this game is considered "must win" for both clubs. Oakland needs it more though. They can ill-afford to lose a divisional game at home, especially now. Oakland will pull out the win.

Dallas at New York Jets

Bill Parcells is looking for the New York sweep. Dallas is coming off the monstrous win on Monday Night, while the Jets are struggling to score points. The Cowboys are coming off the bye week, so that means Parcells has two weeks to prepare for his former team. If you give Parcells two weeks to prepare, he's almost impossible to beat. I like Dallas to win.

Atlanta at Carolina

A win this weekend would put Carolina in the driver's seat in the NFC South. They'd be 3-0 overall, and a quick 2-0 in the division. Vick is still out, and this Atlanta team hasn't found its identity yet. Their defense will keep them in the game, but eventually Carolina will prevail at home.

Detroit at Denver

The Broncos looked great on Monday Night. They will be tough to beat come December. Jake Plummer is a good fit for that offense, but Clinton Portis and the offensive line is the key. They shouldn't have any problem this week at home. Denver will cruise.

Indianapolis at New Orleans

The Colts defense has been a pleasant surprise this season. Fortunately, the offense picked it up in the 2nd half last week which led to the win over Jacksonville. If Indy wins this week, and the Steelers beat the Titans, the Colts would have a commanding two-game divisional lead. New Orleans hasn't been able to do anything this year, and I can't see them beating the overpowering Colts. Indianapolis will win by two touchdowns.

Green Bay at Chicago

What happened to Green Bay last week? I can't picture Brett Farve losing at Arizona. Nevertheless, Green Bay desparately needs a win. At least they are playing Chicago. Being on Monday night in Chicago's new stadium should keep the Bears in it. Green Bay will be too tough though.

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2003 Titan Hall of Fame Inductees

The following seven individuals will represent the Class of 2003 as new inductees into the Titan Sports Hall of Fame. The class will be introduced at halftime of the Titan football game against Washington & Jefferson College on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 1 p.m., and will then be formally inducted during an on-campus banquet following the game at 5:15 p.m.

Jay DeBolt '57 -Track/Football

A two-sport athlete, Jay DeBolt was a four-year letterman in both football and track. In track, he captured the Tri-State Championship in both the low hurdles (1954, '56) and high hurdles (1956-57) and was undefeated in the high hurdles in 1956 while leading the Titans to three straight Tri-State team titles (1955-57). He was the leading point scorer on the track team all four years. On the gridiron, he was a member of the first undefeated team in school history in 1953 and suffered just one loss in four years (28-1-1 from 1953-56). In addition to his athletic prowess, DeBolt was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, was IFC president and interfraternity king and belonged to Block W. Following graduation, he spent eight years in the 28th Division, Pennsylvania National Guard. A native of Pittsburgh and graduate of Carrick High School, DeBolt is now retired from management with the J.C. Penney Company and resides in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. He and his wife, Beverly, have one daughter, Sherry Clayton.

Booker Newberry '95 - Basketball/Track

Booker Newberry was also a two-sport standout for the Titans, both on the basketball court and as a thrower for the track & field squad. Newberry is a member of the Titan basketball 1,000-point club and still stands in 27th place all-time with 1,049 points despite playing just three seasons after transferring from St. Mary's (Calif.) College. During his playing tenure, he led the 1993-94 Titan squad to a 25-3 record and an appearance at the NAIA National Tournament in Tulsa. He was an NAIA All-America Honorable Mention selection in both 1993-94 and 1994-95, while also being named Team MVP both years. A two-year letterman in track, he still holds the school record in the shot put (50-3) and advanced to the NAIA National Championships in California. He also was active with Gospel Choir and with the College radio station. A native of Youngstown, Ohio, and graduate of South High School, Newberry now resides in Poland, Ohio, and is a part-time assistant coach with the Titan basketball team. He and his wife, Willina, have four children: Shanika, Klashell, David and Roslyn.

Jennifer McNatt Laidlaw '94 - Softball/Volleyball

Jennifer McNatt Laidlaw was an NAIA All-District 18 selection in both softball and volleyball during the early 1990s, earning three first-team laurels in volleyball (1992-94) and a second-team berth in softball (1991). She also served as team captain for both sports her senior year. McNatt Laidlaw still holds the softball career records in both hits (123) and at bats (348), while her .353 career batting average ranks third all-time at Westminster. She also led the softball team to a pair of district titles. In addition to her athletic accomplishments, she was a Dean's List student who was also active with Habitat for Humanity, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Mortar Board during her collegiate days. A native of Oakmont, Pa., and graduate of Riverview High School, McNatt Laidlaw now resides in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she is a sixth-grade elementary school teacher. Her and her husband, Patrick, have two children: MacKenzie (3) and Bodie (1).

Aldridge Jones '94 - Football

Aldridge Jones was a grid standout for the Titans in the early 1990s, playing on one undefeated team (1992) and two teams which advanced to the national championship game (1990, '93). A three-year starter and four-year letterman at defensive back, Jones posted career totals of 127 solo tackles, 84 assists, 37 pass breakups, and 20 interceptions. He was also an outstanding kick and punt returner, posting 10 touchdowns from kick, punt and interception returns. He ranks first all-time on the Westminster career charts in punt return yardage (1,465 yards), third in punt return average (12.2), second in kick return average (26.6), fourth in both kick return yardage (1,063) and interceptions and tied for seventh in pass breakups. For his efforts, he was a two-time NAIA First Team All-American (1992-93). He was also the president of the Black Student Union during his collegiate days. A product of East High School in Youngstown, Ohio, Jones now resides in Ocala, Fla., where he is the operations manager at Kobrin Builders Supply.

Earl Mayer Jr. '65 - Golf

Earl "Curly" Mayer was a four-year letterman for the Titan golf team, earning Team MVP honors three of those years. He captured a pair of West Penn Conference championship titles as a player, including shooting a 74 at the league meet as a freshman. Mayer posted an undefeated match season in 1963 before going 10-1 and placing second at the WPC tournament in 1964. He was also named to Who's Who and earned the Wall Street Journal Award in college and was active in a number of organizations, including serving as president of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and treasurer of Varsity W. Following graduation, he served 22 years (four active, 18 reserve) before retiring as a U.S. Navy commander. A native of West Seneca, N.Y., who graduated from Blair Academy in Blairstown, N.J., Mayer is now retired and living in East Aurora, N.Y. He and his wife, Melinda, have four children: Todd (34), Jennifer (32), Brian (26) and David (15).

Ralph Veights '54 - Football

Ralph Veights was a four-year letterman as an offensive and defensive guard for the Titan football team in the early 1950s. A three-time all-district first-team selection (1951-53), he was also named the top interior lineman in the district in 1951 and was co-captain of the first undefeated team in school history in 1953. Veights was also president of the Block W club during college. He is a retired high school teacher and football coach, having coached in the Warren, Uniontown and Hopewell Township school districts. Veights remains active in church activities. A native of Connellsville, Pa., and graduate of Connellsville High School, he now resides in Moon Township, Pa. Veights and his wife, Bernice, have three children: David, Andy and Salle.

Lisa Legarsky Nichols '94 - Volleyball

Lisa Legarsky Nichols made her contributions on the volleyball court for the Lady Titans. A two-year All-NAIA District 18 First-Team selection (1992-93), she also served as captain and was named Team MVP during her junior and senior seasons. She also played for two seasons as a member of the Lady Titan basketball team. In addition to her athletic accomplishments, Legarsky Nichols was also a Dean's List student. A native of Greensburg, Pa., and graduate of Hempfield High School, she now resides in Sharon, Pa., where she works as a network administrator. She and her husband, David (a 1991 Westminster graduate), have two daughters, Alyssa (5) and Kayla (2).

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Your Student Government Association

by Erin Halpin
Contributing Writer

The Presidents' Dinner held last Wednesday went very well. There were 53 campus organizations represented, and SGA received a lot of feedback from these groups. We are going to use this feedback to help us improve SGA for you.

In an effort to improve things on campus, SGA has a newly appointed diversity chair, Nikky Douglas. Douglas also serves as president of the Black Student Union. With the help of SGA, she hopes to promote diversity on campus and get more students involved in the diversity events. They will be sponsoring a poetry reading in the McKelvey Club Room on October 1st, from 7-9pm. Come and hear some of your peers perform.

The Food Advisory Council met with Jeff Creveling to discuss some of the concerns heard around campus. Creveling is looking into getting napkins for the tables in the Orchard Street Café, as well as getting more vegetarian options and seafood.

Tonight is Titan's Tavern in the student lounge. There will be free pop, cappuccino, and wings from Pizza Joe's. If you are looking for something to do next weekend, there will be a comedian on Friday, October 3rd, and Saturday, October 4th.

The "Time of the Month" went well this past Tuesday. We received a lot of comments, and it allowed us to see what you wanted taken care of on campus. Thank you!

SGA Day is coming up. Friday, October 17th we will be providing golf cart rides all day, along with donuts, drinks, pizza from Pizza Joe's, and soft pretzels. Following the food and fun is the pep rally for Homecoming. Come and show your school spirit!

Two new Senators were sworn in at the meeting, Jeff Brownlee and Cody Bauers. Brownlee is a sophomore representative and Bauers is a senior representative.

That is all for this week. If you want to find out more about SGA, come to our meetings. They are held every Wednesday at 7pm in the movie theater. You are always welcome to attend. If you have any questions or comments, send them to SGA@westminster.edu. Have a great weekend!

WC Sports briefs

Volleyball Posts First PAC Victory With Five-Set Thriller at Bethany

The Westminster College volleyball team saw its record improve to 4-14 overall and 1-1 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play tonight in Bethany, W.Va., as the Lady Titans posted a five-set victory over league rival Bethany College 22-30, 30-22, 25-30, 30-24, 15-8. The win avanged a five-set loss to the Bison in New Wilmington on Sept. 16.

Leading the Lady Titan offensive attack was sophomore outside hitter Erin Hinks (Warren, OH/Mineral Ridge H.S.), who tallied a match-high 20 kills with just two errors on 27 attacks for a 67% attack percentage. Senior outside hitter Diana Barnes (Twinsburg, OH/Twinsburg H.S.) had an excellent all-around match for Westminster, tallying 10 kills while adding team-best totals of five service aces, three solo blocks and 18 digs. Junior Lauren Lalama (Columbiana, OH/Columbiana H.S.) set up a team-high 29 assists in the victory.

Westminster volleyball returns to non-conference action this Friday and Saturday (Sept. 26-27), as the Lady Titans compete at the Ohio Wesleyan University Invitational in Delaware, Ohio.

Men's Soccer Drops First PAC Contest, 1-0 to Grove City

The Westminster College men's soccer team fell to 2-6 overall and 1-1 in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) today in New Wilminton, as the Titan booters suffered their first conference setback of the season with a 1-0 loss to Grove City College (5-2-1, 4-0 PAC).

The two teams played a scoreless first half. Grove City tallied the game's long goal at the 65:28 mark off a direct kick, then held off a late Titan charge to take sole possession of first place in the conference.

Westminster outshot Grove City 8-5 in the contest, while also holding a 3-1 advantage in corner kicks. Senior goalkeeper Kevin Humberston (North Versailles/East Allegheny H.S.) made four saves in goal for the Titans.

The Titan men's soccer team returns to action at home this Saturday (Sept. 27), as Westminster hosts PAC rival Washington & Jefferson College (4-3-1, 3-1 PAC) at noon. The Titans defeated the Presidents 1-0 in Washington, Pa., on Sept. 17, handing W&J its only conference loss of the season.

Women's Soccer Opens PAC With 2-0 Shutout

The Westminster College women's soccer team improved to 5-2 overall and 1-0 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play today in New Wilmington, as the Lady Titans opened conference play with a 2-0 home shutout victory over visiting Bethany College. Westminster has now won two straight contests.

Both Westminster goals came in the opening half. Senior midfielder Alyssa Pyle (Sewickley/Quaker Valley H.S.) opened the scoring at the 27:32 mark by tallying an unassisted penalty kick goal for her second goal of the season. At the 41:44 mark, senior midfielder Michelle Chovan (Hubbard, OH/Hubbard H.S.) scored her first goal of the season off a Pyle assist to give Westminster a 2-0 lead it would not relinquish.

Westminster junior Nicole Drummond (Pittsburgh/Keystone Oaks H.S.) went the distance in goal, earning her third shutout of the season without making a save. Westminster led Bethany 11-0 in shots on goal while holding a 7-1 advantage in corner kicks.

Westminster Women's Tennis Posts Third Straight Win, 5-4 Over PAC Foe Waynesburg

The Westminster College women's tennis team improved to 4-3 overall and 3-1 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) action today in New Wilmington, as the Lady Titans rallied for a 5-4 PAC win over visiting Waynesburg College. The Lady Titan netters opened the day by dropping two of three doubles contests, but rallied with wins in four of six singles matches to clinch their second consecutive team victory.

Juniors Bethany Grubbs (Gibsonia/Pine-Richland H.S.) and Amy Browell (Connellsville/Connellsville Area H.S.) led the way for the Lady Titans with two wins each, as they won at #3 and #5 singles, respectivley, while also teaming to capture #2 doubles. Other winners included freshman Roseanne Friend (Pittsburgh/Oakland Catholic H.S.) at #1 singles; and junior Amy Caliguiri (McMurray/Peters Township H.S.) at #4 singles.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

Nee!

Have you seen my Alpaca? I named him Bob

I don't care what you say--Pirates and Cowboys can be friends!

As a freshman, I wonder how this campus functioned without the campus center

The Reduced Shakespeare company is coming

Can you still feel the butterflies?

Bring back the Ho-Lcad

Queer Eye Rocks

Thank you for fixing the showers in Hillside

So what exactly is the difference between making out with an Amish guy compared to a non-Amish guy?

This December, Deception is the Name of the Game!

Is it true that we don't have campus phones in MCC because they clashed?

You. Me. Flagpole. After homeroom. We'll duke it out for the umbrella. Be there, tuff-guy!

I wanna write an opinon article, but I don't have an opinion.

Why is it that if I park in a space for the cafeteria ladies I get a ticket, but if they park in mine it's ok?

It's a good thing 98% of the student center is locked. Wouldn't want students using the student center.

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

Our View: Save Yourself

Music is the stuff of the soul. It seems to touch just about everyone in some way or another, inspiring deep emotions. Music can fit any taste, be it rap, rock, oldies or old rappers yodeling rock songs.

They may not be your cup of espresso, but Evanescence had some hits these past months. They have been described as Sarah McLaughlin meets Linkin Park. Their songs range from sweeping ballads to harder rock, and no you have not stumbled upon a misplaced A&E column. Keep reading.

Evanescence's lyrics are dark, seductive, and frankly quite beautiful, but they can also be as depressing as a dead kitten. Their big hit pleads with an unknown someone to "save me from the dark."

Well to quote another industrial rock group, Stabbing Westward, "Save yourself."

Grief is a serious topic, but no matter what you think, it is something everyone goes through. Yes, even the guy who is happy and awake in a 7:40 lab gets upset now and again.

But waiting around for someone else to drag you out of your slump is no way to live. Everyone would love to have a superman/woman who could save them from speeding bullets and all that. Everyone wants a bodyguard who will take a bullet and inspire that chart topping love ballad. Unfortunately, unless you're Whitney Huston, it ain't gonna happen.

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"Quit trying to run my life!"

Ever yell that at your parents?

Well, now is your chance.

So something has got you down (doesn't matter what really, anything has the potential to ruin a prefectly good day). Well what do you do? When despair hits, it hits like that bully in the third grade.

First things first: cry. Complain. Rant and moan. In the third grade you would be called a cry baby. Forget all about that. You have permission to let loose and want your mommy. The important thing is to get what irks you out into the daylight. Speaking your sadness gives it a name. Once it has a name it can be examined, cornered, and killed.

A lot of times though, we are more upset with ourselves than anything else. Sometimes it seems like we are falling down a slope that keeps sliding out beneath us.

Remember this though, you always have a choice to change. In the words of Led Zeppelin, "There are two paths you can go down, but in the long run, there's always time to change the road you're on."

Do not fall into the fatalistic trap of "There's nothing I can do."

There is always something you can do. You always have a choice.

Make your choice.

Trust in yourself, and live.

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Guest Editorial: Obligatory Iraq column

by Ed Herbst
Daily Targum (Rutgers U.)

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. -- As the United States is left nursing a $4 billion per month wound -- 1.5 billion of which, according to Senate Democrats, is unaccounted for -- that doesn't appear to be healing as quickly as some hoped, President George W. Bush reluctantly returned back to the institution of irrelevance, known to the rest of the world as the United Nations. He didn't, however, make any concessions to the U.N. General

Assembly and refused to admit a lack of preparedness for post-war Iraq. While he seems to be losing approval among the American people, his smug arrogance is as present as ever, denying the Iraqi reconstruction the international legitimacy it deserves, and, ultimately, hurting both the people of Iraq and the American soldiers serving there. Unfortunately, the worst may yet be ahead of us.

Last Wednesday, The New York Times reported on confidential Defense Department intelligence that warned the greatest security threat in Iraq in the future would come, not from Baathist loyalists and pan-Arabic terrorists, but from "ordinary Iraqis increasingly hostile to the America military." The intelligence also cautioned -- contrary to the official Defense Department position -- this nascent hostility among ordinary Iraqis "extended well beyond the Sunni heartland of Iraq." While I do confess my own confidence in our nation's intelligence has recently eroded, if it is even remotely legitimate, Thomas Friedman -- the de facto mouthpiece of the neo-conservative school -- and his "silent majority" of Iraqis may well soon become the armed-and-angry majority. Indeed, the London-based "al-Sharq al-Awasat," an Arabic newspaper, recently ran a story detailing this trend, citing the increasing problem of cooperation between the Iraqi citizenry and the American military in southern Iraq.

Ordinary Iraqis aren't the only ones who are unhappy either. The Iraqi Governing Council, handpicked by the United States, plans to bring a list of grievances to Congress. Chiefly, the Council members charge that L. Paul Bremer, the civilian administrator of Iraq, is egregiously mismanaging the billions of dollars earmarked for Iraq. As an example of his spendthrift behavior, Bremer authorized his staff to send its laundry to be cleaned in Kuwait. Furthermore, council members say they have been receiving inadequate protection from the American military. Their claim is underscored by the recent attack on Council member Aqila al-Hashimi.

All this, combined with a Sept. 3 report from the Congressional Budget Office stating, "Army would be unable to sustain an occupation force of the present size beyond about March 2004," paints a troubling picture of the future of Iraq. The coming months in Iraq, as predicted by the federal government, will be characterized by increasing hostilities and decliningU.S. police power. A grim future indeed.

This is not to say some progress has not been made in Iraq. In fact, quite the contrary is true. I merely claim that reconstruction, on its current course, it unsustainable and destined to fail. To avert disaster and quell rising tensions both in Iraq and the international arena, the Bush administration must reinvent there construction of Iraq as international undertaking. Of course, the reality is that international cooperation, at this point, will be incredibly difficult to achieve. The animosity between President Bush and French President Jacques Chirac has stiffened over the past year. Chirac's government recently developed a plan to implement a timetable for the transition in Iraq, beginning with an immediate symbol power transfer and culminating with complete Iraqi sovereignty in six to nine months. Bush needs to concede to some of the French demands, namely the one stipulating that any U.N. resolution regarding Iraq must set a timetable for transfer of Iraqi sovereignty. (This timetable does not necessarily have to be the same as the one the French developed.)

While it is unlikely the French will veto a resolution without a timetable (they will merely abstain), a resolution with a "yes" from France will yield far greater legitimacy and potency with the international community. This solution obviously has flaws, as any political compromise does, but it represents the best alternative to the current plan. The critics who will invariably argue time constraints can ruin the delicate process of nation-building need to realize the process is far more vulnerable in present-day Iraq, and will become yet more vulnerable if reconstruction progresses on its current course. Small efforts to appease the French would be the impetus behind a successful U.N. resolution and international support in Iraq. And as Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder recently declared in The New York Times Friday, Germany is "willing to shoulder more responsibility," but only if the United States allows the United Nations to play "a central role." The same can likely be said of Turkey, India and Pakistan, all of which the United States has desperately, and unsuccessfully, tried to coax into sending military units into Iraq.

France has recently backed down from its hard-line position on Iraq and narrowed the difference; it is time for the United States to do the same.

Corrections from Sept. 19, 2003

Security Article: Chief Piccirillo does not own a "private investigation team to the area." He formerly owned a private investigation company in Minnesota just prior to returning to Pennsylvania to assume his present position.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

Cold Creek Manor & Freaky Friday

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

Bees and Oscar buzz have one thing in common this time of year: they're both very easy to kill off. Word had spread of Sharon Stone's triumphant return to the big screen and a performance of Dennis Quaid that rivaled him in The Rookie. Word was wrong. They're nothing special and neither is Cold Creek Manor.

This movie is the same someone-invade-your-house idiocy that studios have been popping out for decades. Trouble is everyone knows the good guys will win and the bad guy is going to die somewhere in the house. That's just how they go. Cold Creek Manor follows this trend to the letter except for one little thing: it's actually the bad guy's house.

Okay, maybe not legally; they did buy it from the bank, but all the guys stuff was in it and at no point did they ever offer to give it back. This movie is a guide to bad writing. Cold Creek Manor stood no chance of ever working because there was no backbone for its structure to grow.

First thing, you can't have foreshadowing and never follow up on it. You don't set the audience up for something really scary or exciting and then just have the scene end and let the action take place somewhere like a roof.

The only good thing I can say about this movie is that if you weren't afraid of snakes before, you will be after this movie. Which is what frustrates me.

The scene involving the snakes shows the director could make an excitingly scary thriller; he just chose not to.

So I chose to tell Tom to avoid this movie. Luckily he took my advice.

So my advice to Holcad readers is this: if you are on the equestrian team, stay away, it's got an upsetting scene. To everyone else, if my rant still hasn't convinced you, you deserve to see this schlock .

Your mom and pop might give it a C, but to a die hard fan of thrillers like What Lies Beneath; this is the definitive D-.

Having taken Chris' advice and avoiding the mayhem of Cold Creek Manor , I decided to view a totally different film, a guilty pleasure I had wanted to see all summer.

Freaky Friday was released at the beginning of August, and has grossed over a hundred million bucks. It is nearing the end of its run, but I managed to find it still playing and had the privilege of a private screening (since no one else was in the theatre). Always a nice treat!

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Freaky Friday: It's smart, charming, and funny with dazzling performances by the two leads.

Another nice treat was seeing Jamie Lee Curtis ride a Harley with the high school stud. Freaky Friday was definitely the guilty pleasure I had hoped for.

It's smart, charming, and funny with dazzling performances by the two leads. The plot basically involves a mother and daughter with a strained relationship, as both are dealing with many stresses in their lives and are unable to understand each other.

By the magic of a Chinese fortune cookie spell, the two involuntarily swap bodies and must live the other's life until their issues are resolved . For an actor, this can be very hard to pull off, but Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan perform this task wonderfully.

You can see the teenage daughter in Jamie Lee Curtis as she gets a makeover and goes wild on national television. You can also see the mother in Lindsay Lohan as she tries to resolve a dispute with the reigning drama queen of high school. The two make this far out plot device succeed wonderfully.

Some might say it's predictable. Well yes it's predictable; it's a remake of the 1976 original with Jodie Foster. Some might say it's childish.

It may seem targeted for children, but this film is entertaining no matter who you are. The film becomes surprisingly very touching and romantic, as well.

Besides, this film also has Miles from The Golden Girls, which should be more than enough reason to see it! This is a great A-film that could definitely brighten someone's day or just make you laugh.

Gauley Fest: Whitewater festival with musical flair

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

This past weekend I packed up my kayak and camping gear to go to Gauley Fest, the largest whitewater festival in the world.

The weekend predominantly focuses on kayaking, and there were plenty of amazing class five whitewater thanks to the extra 3,000 cubic feet per second Isabel gave us. While the focus of the Fest was on kayaking, the festival also featured three very diverse bands.

Each of the three bands that played the Fest has a direct connection to the whitewater world. The headliner, Strut made their second appearance at the biggest whitewater party in the world. Strut Production is a trio made up of Casey Cramer (guitar), Elijah Cramer (bass), and Pat Thomas (drums).

The three grew up together on a former commune the Farm that is now a small intentional community in Summertown, Tenn. Being raised at a place such as the Farm set the stage for a wide variety of musical genres they were exposed to. Strut will dip into anything from High-paced funk, to deep hypnotizing grooves, to their paten ted style of "metal strut funk." They also touch flavors in Latin rhythms, classic rock, jazz and hip-hop.

Formed in the spring of 1997, Strut Production wasn't a full time group. They created only a small list of originals and played only a few festival dates on the Farm before splitting for a year while Casey attended school.

After reforming for few months and receiving good reviews, Strut decided to pack up and move their operation, to accommodate a more full time setting. They now reside in the mountains of Asheville, NC where their style has been completely revamped. The trio (with the occasional lurking DJ), recently recorded their debut album, Mr. Wishbone.

To hear Strut's music online, please visit . The band now resides in Asheville where paddlers from all over Western NC regularly check out their shows after paddling.

The Fest also featured the music of the Brown Dog Band and Club Dub. The Brown Dog Band features three kayakers. The core of their sound is based on bluegrass, but the band often leak and lapse into a variety of other musical styles. The band is composed of college students and old guys who want to quit their jobs.

Club Dub has eclectic sounds of Dub, Reggae, Rock, Jazz, Hip Hop, and swank tinged R&B. Club Dub's music moves from back country Caribbean to full force Funk.

New British invasion comes in wake of Friends' shadow

by Lynn Elber
AP Television Writer

Can a British accent make or break a punch line?

When the U.S. version of the BBC comedy "Coupling" debuts on NBC, the American cast will be working off essentially the same scripts that made the original a hit.

The adaptation raises another question: Will America share Britain's taste for a fast-paced comedy of sexual manners that delights in double entendres?

The first "Coupling," a witty romp, found a loyal but limited U.S. following with showings on BBC America. The new version will seek a much bigger audience when it begins 9:30 p.m. EDT Thursday.

With "Friends" in its last season, NBC is grooming "Coupling" as its singles-in-the-city replacement (although at a later hour, reflecting its racier approach).

The network has long dominated Thursday, a key night for advertising, and is trying to keep the magic alive with increased competition from series such as CBS' "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation."

The pressure is on for "Coupling," acknowledges Ben Silverman, an executive producer. The new "Coupling" is no orphan. Sue Vertue, producer of the British show, is an executive producer of NBC's series. Her husband, Steven Moffat, writer of the original series, also has an executive producer credit.

A third family member who knows a bit about exporting TV to America is involved as well: Vertue's mother, Beryl, who as an agent sold Norman Lear on the idea of turning the British show "Till Death Us Do Part" into "All in the Family," also serves as an executive producer.

Sue Vertue expresses confidence in how the "Coupling" concept will work in an American setting.

"I always thought it could translate," Vertue said, in Los Angeles to watch a run-through of an episode. She huddled afterward with studio and network executives to hear their comments on the script, something common in U.S. television but which Vertue said is rare in Britain.

"You have one person to deal with at the BBC. You send scripts to her, she reads them. We tend to have most scripts finished before we start filming."

One line of dialogue that Vertue admitted was potentially "rude" (as in lewd) was excised at the executives' request, but Vertue said there hasn't been much intervention here _ or reason for it.

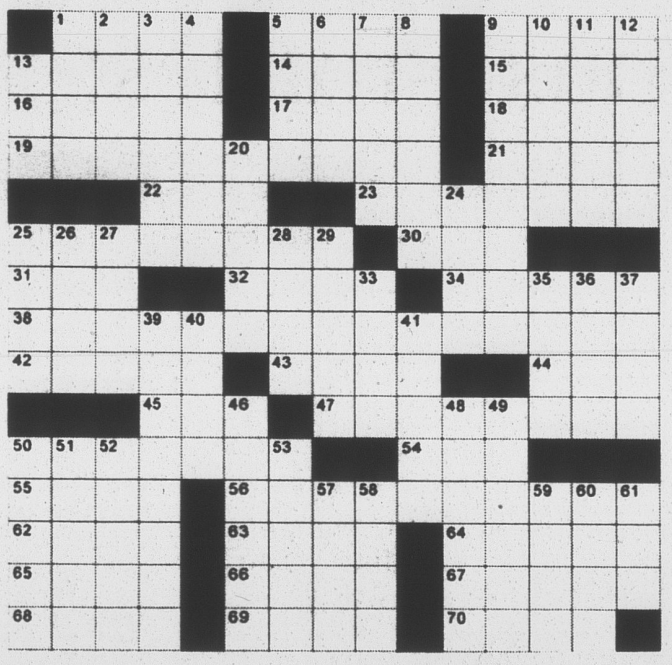
"We have a rule that you can only be as rude as you are clever. That's what I say to Steven, so he can't do gratuitous jokes," she said. Besides, she added, "Steven always said this is more about people NOT having sex."

The themes are adult, especially for a broadcast network, acknowledged Silverman.

Crossword 101

Animalizations

By Ed Canty



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53 Not a soul
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58 Attention getter
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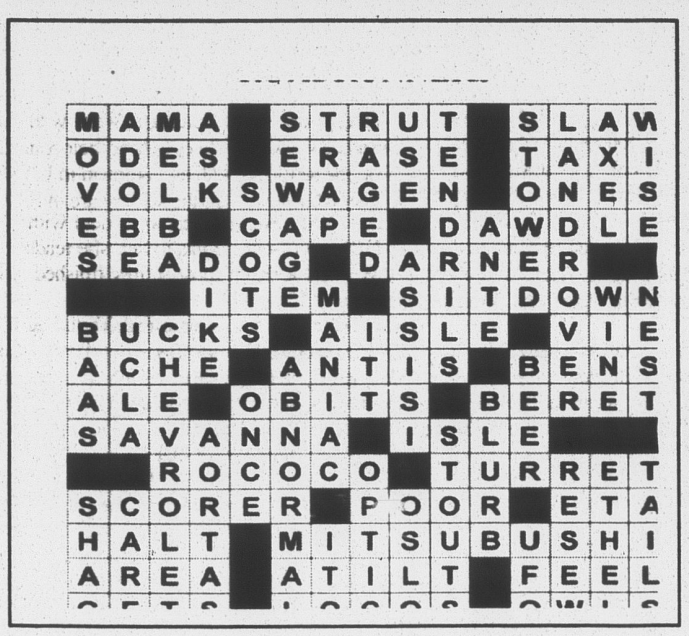

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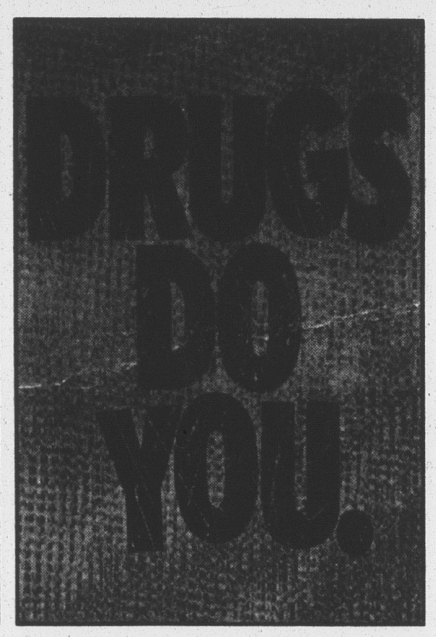


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Don't believe everything you hear, and make sure to check your sources and facts. If you find yourself in a tense and confining situation, call a time out, thinking about the best approach to take. Make a connection to your past and pieces will fall into place.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Use your intellect to solve a particular problem. Keeping your perspective will help you to hold your temper and avoid any unnecessary blowups about trivial matters. Relationships are present on your mind, don't deny any emotional turmoil that's brewing.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Use your imagination and ingenuity to make the right impression with those around you, especially in the workplace. Love is not only on your mind, but present all around. You may be in the middle of an intensely new relationship, or an old flame may reappear.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Your craving for something different, which could have a negative effect on something or someone dear to you. Someone is likely to hurt your delicate feelings during the week - telling you to not be so sensitive is like telling you not to breathe ... try to relax.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Two very opposite qualities need to be combined into a whole, something which will work best for you. You've got your work cut out for you, considerable energy and thought is required to solve the problem. Stick with what you know, it makes you comfortable.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Don't use your energies in ways that create a destructive end, no matter how tempting. It might be for the best to take time out from a relationship which seems to be going nowhere. Do something extra special for a family member who is having a tough time.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Consider all things which are truly of value to you, and put your energies behind them. Use your monies in a responsible way, long term investing is probably your best bet. Attend to all to all financial details now, and it will save you time and money later.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
You value honesty and openness in relationships, and letting others know this will enhance any bonding which occurs. You are long overdue for a dose of relaxation and pampering - maybe a specially planned weekend away will do the trick. Tamper any criticism.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Take any changes in stride and you will see that something new suits your purposes better than you would have ever expected. Look to positive long-term plans in order to subdue your anxieties. Make creative ideas attractive by gearing them to the needs of others.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Both compassion and flexibility are necessary throughout the week. Someone close is going through a rough time and may be wallowing in self pity, there is little you can do about it. Try to overcome any nervousness you may feel, your support will no doubt turn the tide.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Your assertive approach at work will win you more friends than enemies. If the information coming to you seems confusing and excessive, take your time and review everything before making decisions. Keep a close watch on activities at home to insure a positive outcome.

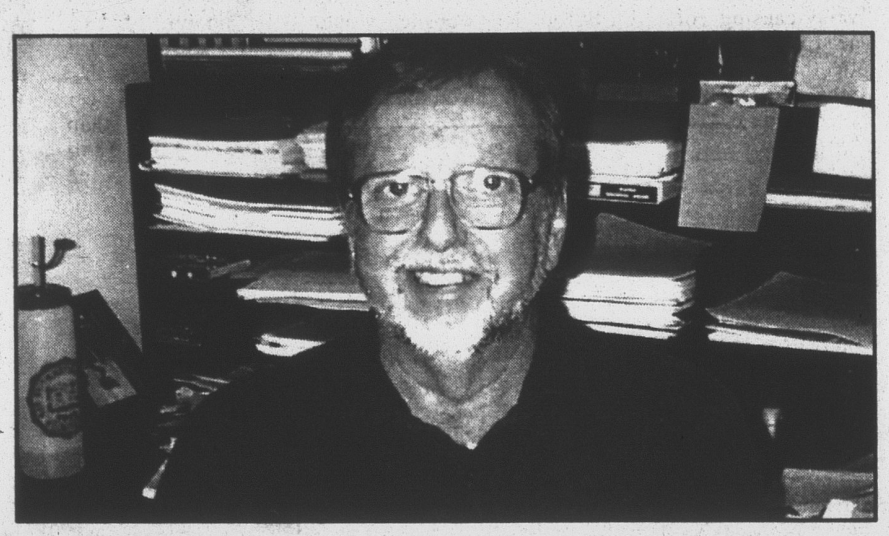
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
It is very important to recognize your own limitations, and not take on something for which you are not equipped. If a spat occurred between you and a loved one - find common ground where both of you can get what you need most now. Listen to others' ideas and broaden your perspective.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Find clever and creative ways to express your feelings towards a loved one; making sure the message comes across exactly as you intended. Plan for an escape retreat to relax and enjoy all around you, and you will be surprised at how quickly your energy is rejuvenated.

FEATURE

Campus Profiles:

James Perkins



Age: Yes (62)
Major: History & English
Place of Birth: Covington, KY
Favorite Color: Mauve
What class would you love to see at WC: A class that would make Republicans think.
Favorite Music Genre: Jazz
Favorite Jazz Group: Dave Brubeck
Favorite Musical: Tommy...or The Wall, if that counts.
Favorite Radio Station: WDUQ in Pittsburgh
Short hair or Long hair: I've worn it long most of my life, so I guess I'd say long hair.
Are you the boy next door, or the boy people's mothers warned them about? The boy their mother warned them about, that's the one. We've met the enemy and that is us.
Favorite Quote: "Down deep, I'm shallow." - Me
PC or Macintosh: Do I have a choice? I work at this college, after all.
Favorite month of the year: February, it's got the right number of days in it.
Message to the World: "Take time to enjoy your life."

Amanda Patricia Oliveri

Age: 21
Major: Broadcast Communications
Place of Birth: Pittsburgh, PA
Favorite Color: Purple
What class would you love to see at WC: Anger management - people need to calm down!
Favorite Music Genre: Oldies
Favorite Band: Pearl Jam
Favorite Musical: Blood Brothers
Favorite Radio Station: Digital 88.9 FM!
Short hair or Long Hair: Long hair
Are you the girl next door, or the girl people's mothers warned them about? Everyone thinks I'm the girl next door, but I'm really the girl their mother warned them about.
Favorite Quote: "When the doors of perception are open, things will appear as they truly are - infinite."
- William Blake

PC or Macintosh: PC
Favorite Month of the Year: December - my birthday and Christmas.
Message for the World: "Don't be so picky!"

The fine art of cell phone etiquette

by Carolyn Miller
Resident E-mail Addict

So I'm sitting at my computer by the window, working on a paper due the next morning (as we all do, admit it) and I'm just finishing up the conclusion. That's when I hear her outside my window.

"You won't believe what happened to me!" she cries in a nasally voice to herself. "We totally went out, right? And as we're walking along, he turns to me and..." Well, the rest is confidential, I suppose. Only because I have the decency to keep quiet about things that weren't really told to me, just to the cell phone.

Ah yes, the cell phone. My freshman year I knew about two girls with cell phones, and that was that. But this year, it seems that practically every girl on my hall has one. It's also amazing how many girls will have a completely private conversation outside an open window and not even notice that I'm sitting right behind the screen.

I know how important cell phones can be, don't get me wrong. When I was in Japan I went through the hassle of getting myself one, and I kept it, simply because it was such an adorable accessory. I think I made about three phone calls on it, and I never actually called anyone, I just received calls. What I could do was take pictures with it, send emails to my friends for a penny per email, keep voice memos on it, and set it to wake me up in the morning. I still use it as an alarm clock - it plays the Super Mario theme.

Thing is, I have a perfectly good phone plugged into a perfectly good phone jack. I use this phone to call people on campus. If I ever need to call off campus, which is really quite rare, I use my phone card from Wal-Mart, a wonderful little deal at 3 cents a minute. Plus, I don't have to wander around campus just to get a decent connection to the person I'm talking to in the first place. Are cell phones really that cheap to justify having one for off-campus calls?

Or maybe I'm spoiled because I lack a roommate. I don't remember ever needing to call someone from another place because my roommate was around, but perhaps I just wasn't in such a dire circumstance to do so.

If I needed to complain about my roommate, I just used that Information Services thing we pay $120 or whatever to use, and a quick email would let me unload everything I needed to, without that pesky business of being eavesdropped upon getting in the way.

Email is amazingly cheaper than anything else, simply because we already pay for it just by going to college here. Granted, if you need to hear the sound of someone's voice, it really doesn't cut it.

So I can understand cell phone use if it's really necessary. But there are some circumstances that are just ridiculous. Like so: I walk into a Giant Eagle one day, partly because Nature's calling quite loudly. So I go into the restroom, step into the stall and hear:

"Uh-huh? Oh, yeah, mmhm...you think so? I don't know, is it really that important? I didn't think so..."

The entire time I was in there, this woman in the other stall was on her cell phone. Was that call really so important that she couldn't hang up to go to the bathroom?

I honestly believe that the most useful aspect of a cell phone is for emergencies, like being late for work because you're stuck in traffic, calling a tow truck because you've got a flat, and letting your friends know that the dorm is on fire, so it might be a good idea to get back from the bar quickly.

But using a cell phone for calling work doesn't include driving 90, swerving into both lanes at once, just because you've got a phone attached to your ear. It's stupid. And illegal in New York.

Insert Angry Voice Here: Food Disservice

by Drew Huston
News Editor

And so, here we are again, fellow students, faculty, community members, and other faithful readers of my angry, bitter, controversy-causing column. Before I continue, I must remind you, my devoted public, that these articles are meant to upset people.

How can you have controversy and how can you generate change if nobody is made aware of things, and if nobody is upset about them? That's the point of this entire column's concept - to get people motivated enough to complain, or even just to write me back and tell me how wrong and misplaced my ideas and crazy opinions actually are.

What is the deal with the popcorn chicken costing more than triple bypass surgery?

My disclaimer having been written, I continue. This week's column is really something that only those of you who are connected to the campus community, and particularly the students, though I'm sure there are campus staff and professors who have had to weather this storm too, can understand the frustration behind. Yes, that's right. I'm talking about the meal plans.

Here at Westminster, we are given the option of choosing which meal plan we would like to have, and we then have that plan placed on our Titan Card. The sizes (and prices) of those meal plans varies, but one interesting thing remains consistent throughout all of them - they all don't have enough for students to eat three meals a day every day for the semester. That's my first beef.

If we wanted to, we could not eat three meals a day, even if we had the largest meal plan of 195 meals. That plan, according to the dining services website, would only amount to 13.5 meals per week. If you were to eat 3 meals a day every day of the week, that would amount to 21 meals. That is over 50% more than what is allotted to us, and that's the biggest meal plan! So, let's tally this up. If you go home, or at least off-campus for all breaks we get throughout this semester, for example, you're going to be at this school for at least 90 days. 90 times 3 is 270. Even if we just stayed here for 90 days (and we DO stay longer than that), it would take 270 blocks in a meal plan to give a student three meals a day for that period of time, and that's not even the entire semester!

Concern number two is in the pricing of the meals, and whether or not we students are getting our money's worth. In my (angry, controversial) opinion, we most definitely are not - at least where the Orchard Street Café is concerned. Let's look at the most economical meal plan - the largest.

According to my calculator, the $1435 price tag that comes along with the 195-block meal plan equals about $7.35 for every meal. Seven dollars and thirty-five cents. At the Orchard Street Café, however, we are only allowed to spend a maximum equivalent amount of $3.45 at breakfast, $4.15 at lunch, and $4.65 at dinner.

So, we're using a block from our meal plan that is worth $7.35 (keep in mind that that's the most economical plan. In the 175-block plan, meals are worth about $7.40), and we're only getting $4.65 worth of food, at the maximum. Does that make any sense? Where is that other $2.70 we should be getting there?

Furthermore, what is the deal with us not being able to get a grilled chicken sandwich meal at the TUB without having to make up the difference through dine dollars or even cash? What's the deal with people wanting to get a salad for lunch not being able to get a drink? What's the deal with Sodexho charging you and me twenty-five cents for a cup of water?

What's the deal with the popcorn chicken costing more than triple bypass surgery? Why are there so many restrictions on what you can and cannot have in your meal, when, theoretically, you should be able to spend at least $7.35 on every meal?

I went to the TUB for dinner this very evening (I'm writing this on a Monday), and I picked out a grilled chicken sandwich, fries, and a large cup of water (which isn't really a problem, considering the bigger issue I'm arguing). I was charged one meal plus $1.34 extra, when, even though I was charged for a soda and not water, the total of the meal was $5.99. I had to pay $8.69 for a meal that would have cost me $5.99 in cash.

Oh, and don't forget, the meals and the dine dollars don't roll over. If that were the case, I'd probably have about $200 worth of dine dollars on my card, easily. Nope. Those are absorbed under the "profits" margin every semester, too. Why? All of these questions don't really have a good answer.

If you go to the cafeteria, you're smarter than me, at least economically. I eat at the TUB all the time, usually because I'm in a hurry. And believe me, I have noticed a lot of economic discrepancies between Orchard Street and the cafeteria. Any argument about how people are eating so much in the cafeteria that the prices in the TUB are necessary to balance out the equation in my mind is total bunk. People do not bring a trough of food out at the cafeteria, simply because they can.

The cost difference between food consumed at the cafeteria and the price of a meal in the block plan is negligible. We're paying for this food. We're paying a lot, actually. For the price of the meals in the plans offered to us, we could eat a super-sized extra value meal at McDonald's and still have money left over. That's breakfast, lunch, and dinner, too. We wouldn't be told that we could only spend $4.15 of the $7.35 we wanted to spend. Every meal block costs the same amount, yet, at the TUB, those rules don't apply.

Don't for a minute think that I am blaming Pat, Jerry, Evelyn, Jean, or any of the other wonderful people who work at the Orchard Street Café. I respect them, and honestly really appreciate the work they do. They work hard, and this should not reflect on them at all. This is not their fault in the slightest bit, and I want to get that clear.

This is a decision by management alone, and that is to whom this article is addressed. Give us our money's worth. We're paying enough.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 26
Fall Retreat Sign-ups — Titan Traverse Office, MCC 252
11:40 am Chapel
Alpha Gamma Delta Dance-a-Thon
Volleyball @ Ohio Wesleyan Invitational
10:00 pm - 2:00 am Titan Tavern – MCC Club
10:30 pm McKelvey Movie: "Charlie's Angels 2" — MCC 219

SATURDAY 27
10:00 am Theta Chi Greek Sweep — New Wilmington Borough
Noon M Soccer vs. W&J (H)
1:00 pm Football @ Allegheny
2:00 pm W Soccer vs. W&J (H)
Volleyball @ Ohio Wesleyan Invitational
Cross Country @ St. Vincent Invitational
7:00 pm Mass
8:00 pm Celebrity Series: Tony Danza – Orr Auditorium
8:00 pm McKelvey Movie: "Charlie's Angels 2" — MCC 219
10:30 pm McKelvey Movie: "Legally Blonde 2" — MCC 219

SUNDAY 28
3:00 pm Artist-in-Residence Vocal Concert: Susan Shafer — Chapel
6:15 pm IFC Meeting
7:00 pm Vespers
8:30 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – PH 311/312
8:30 pm Kappa Delta Meeting – MCC Witherspoon
9:00 pm McKelvey Movie: "Legally Blonde 2" — MCC 219

MONDAY 29
11:40 am Chapel
3:30 pm W Tennis @ Grove City
5:00 pm Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
7:00 pm Seekers Praise Band Practice — Chapel
9:00 pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Winterspoon Maple
9:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting — MCC 352
9:00 pm Lambda Sigma Meeting — PH 114

TUESDAY 30
5:00 pm Psych Club — Phillips Lecture Hall
5:30 pm SAA Meeting
6:30 pm Mock Convention Meeting — MCC 255
6:30 pm Honors Colloquium — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
7:00 pm Habitat for Humanity Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
7:00 pm Volleyball vs. Thiel (H)
10:00 am - 1:00 pm Study Abroad Info Table — Orchard Street Café
11:30 am PRSSA Exec Meeting — MCC 352
11:40 am Faculty Forum: Pete Smith, "Green Chemistry Movement" – MCC 219
11:45 am Black Student Union Meeting — MCC 255
3:00 pm W Tennis vs. Clarion (H)
4:00 pm M Soccer vs. Waynesburg (H)
7:00 pm "Roc-the-Mic" Slamming Jamming Poetry Bash — MCC Student Lounge and Club Room
7:00 pm SGA Meeting – MCC 219
9:30 pm Seekers Fellowship — MCC Witherspoon Maple

THURSDAY 2
10:00 am - 1:00 pm Study Abroad Info Table — Orchard Street Café
3:00 pm W Tennis vs. Hiram (H)
4:30 pm Math and Computer Science Colloquium – HSC 152
6:00 pm College Republicans — TC 210
6:00 Kappa Delta Pi Meeting — MCC 219
6:30 pm S.I.F.E. Meeting — MCC 255
7:00 pm Volleyball @ W&J

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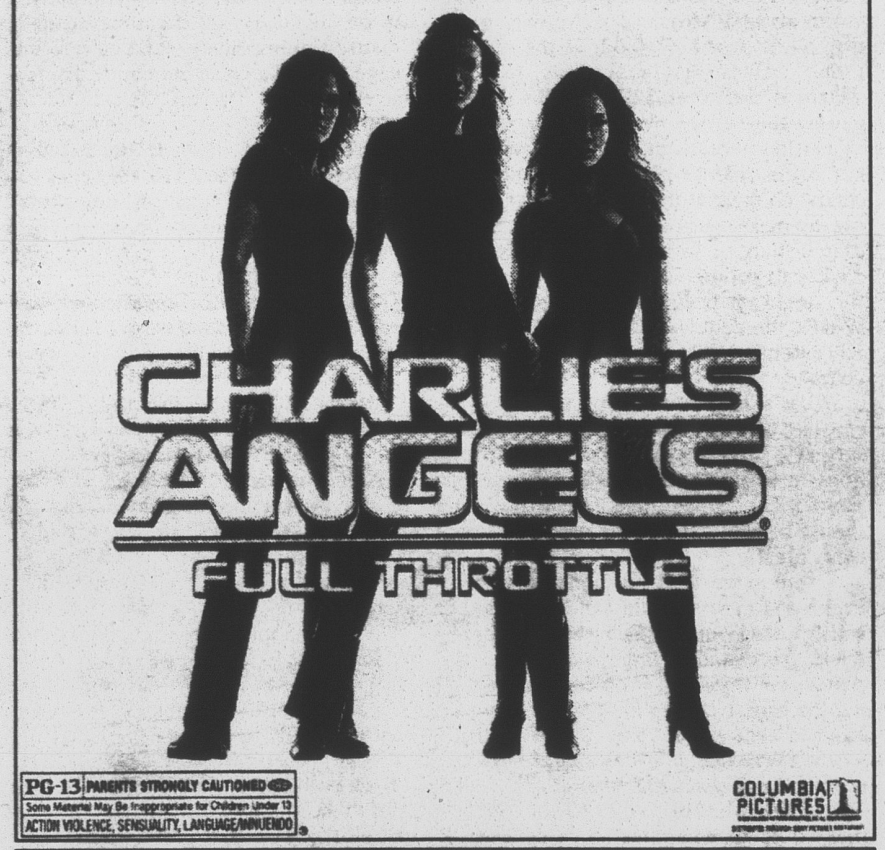

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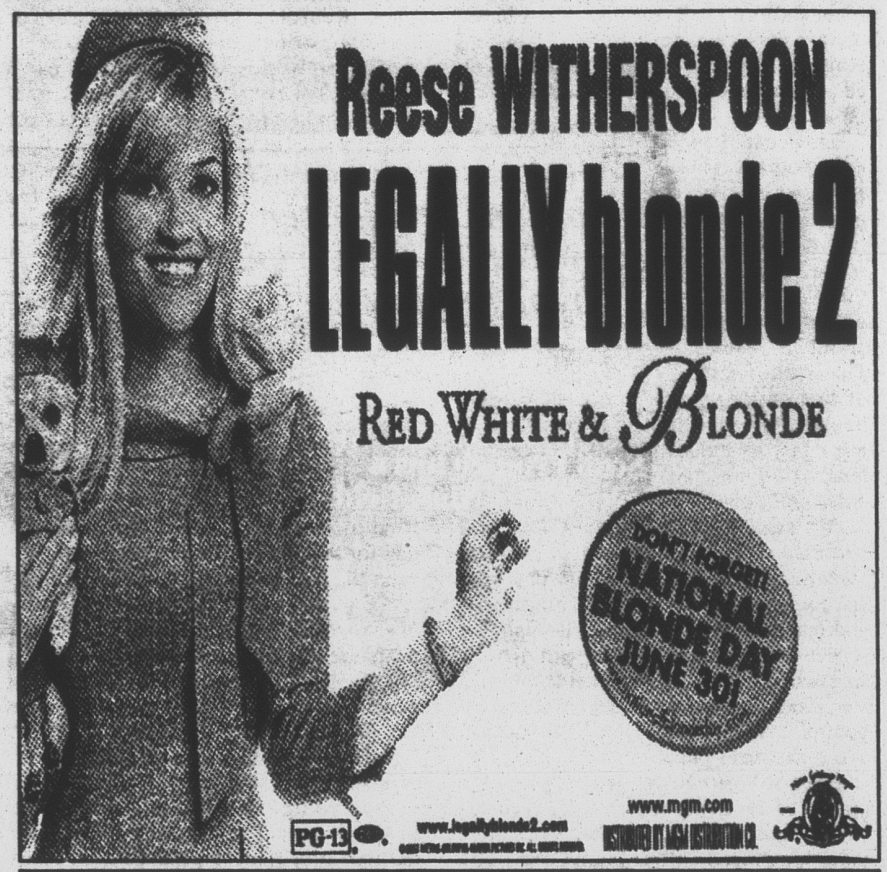

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Titan Tavern

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Titan Tavern

Saturday Oct. 4th
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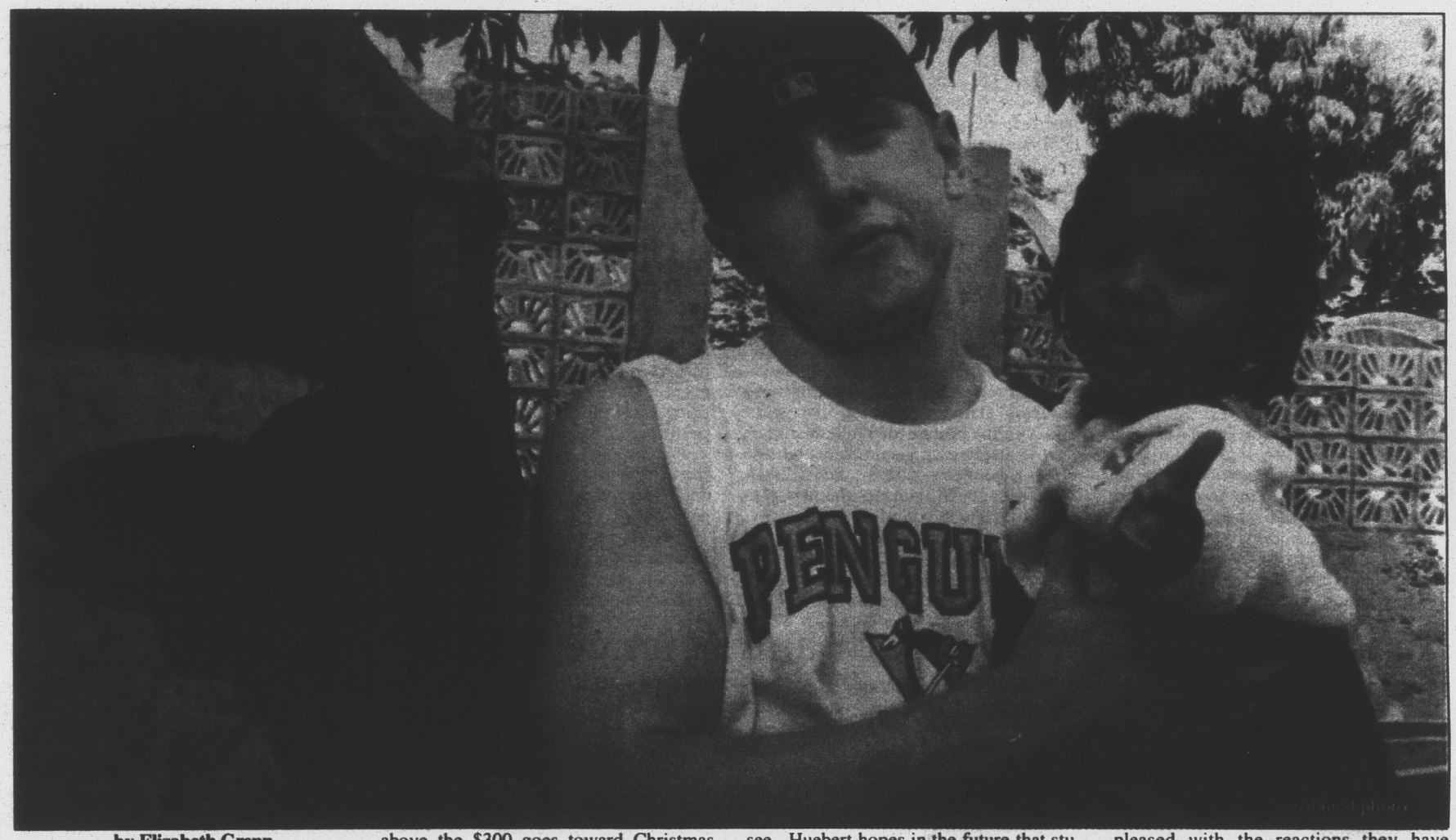

by Elizabeth Grepp
Staff Writer

Out of about 8 million people in Haiti, 45 percent are school-age children who have never attended school.

Farsight Christian Mission offers a program where people can donate money to send a child to school. Browne and Eichenauer halls are sponsoring two children through this organization. The cost is $300 a year, which works out to about $5 per person. The money goes toward supplies such as books, food and general upkeep of schools. Any money raised above the $300 goes toward Christmas presents for the children.

Junior public relations and political science major Mary Huebert is a residence assistant in Browne. R.A.s are required to have two cultural programs. She thought that giving money was a great idea. It allows for Westminster students to give back and help out. "This is a chance for college students who may be a little strapped for cash to come together and make a difference," said Huebert.

Browne will receive updates about the child every month in addition to a picture. Both will be posted in the lobby for all to see. Huebert hopes in the future that students will be able to write letters to the child.

Junior public relations major Christopher Hatch is involved with the program in Eichenauer. He traveled to a poor village in Kepotye with the Farsight Christian Mission to help build a church this past summer.

"I came up with this idea because the kids in Kepotye all deserve much more than they have been given," said Hatch. "They all deserve an opportunity to learn."

Both Hatch and Huebert have been pleased with the reactions they have received.

"The response has been great," said Hatch. "People that I have never even met before have asked me how to get involved. The response has been better than I ever thought it would be. I think it speaks very highly of the character of the student body."

Huebert was equally impressed. "I'm really proud of the Browne girls," said Huebert. "They have been very generous."

Additional information can be acquired by contacting Huebert or Hatch.

Tony Danza

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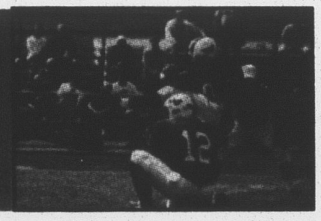

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CAMPUS NEWS

College planning to tighten budget

by Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

Westminster is one of many colleges across the United States that has been running into financial speed bumps. Tuitions are being raised and budgets are being cut in order to make up for lost government funding and lower endowments, as well as increasing operating costs caused by higher insurance rates post-9-11.

President R. Thomas Williamson notes that the college's financial difficulties are not unique and appear for nearly every public and private institution, even outside of higher education. An emphasis at Westminster is that, "[the] budget of the college is balanced every year. That's one of the things the college can do to ensure that we will be fiscally sound in the future," said Williamson.

Though the budget is balanced, it can occasionally become a burden to the students. "To [balance the budget] over the last few years we've had to increase tuition. Over the last two years, we've had a seven percent tuition increase, which we know makes things difficult for Westminster families, but it's been a necessary step," said Williamson.

"I don't like tuition increase," said junior Cassie Walker, whose family has been feeling the financial pressure. "Why is it $28,000 to go here? Not that I'm saying it's a bad school."

The college has been trying to pinch pennies where it can in order to keep the students from bearing the brunt of the problem. "About a year ago, this time, we looked through the budget and made some budgetary cuts that were spread pretty evenly across the campus," said Williamson.

For instance, operating budgets for many departments were not raised this year. Williamson has asked the various departments to manage with the same amount of money they have in previous years. This has caused some changes in department spending. "I think a few departments have had to reorder their priorities," said Williamson, but "I don't see any evidence of 'hurt.'"

But there are three projects the college has not been able to recently finance because of the budget cuts. "They're what we call 'special funds,' and they're funded if we are able," said Williamson.

These include academic equipment replacement or more equipment for labs; residence hall furnishing replacement such as the cabinets seen in Russell dormitory; and computer and network technology replacement, which proves especially problematic because periodic upgrades are required.

High priority issues, though, such as the installation of sprinklers, have still gone through development.

The college has been operating on a strategic plan for the past five years, and is in the process of implementing a new strategic plan meant to be put into effect between 2003 and 2007. According to Williamson, the new plan calls for "the production of new revenues from various sources that will enable us to fully fund special funds."

He also reports that the college hopes for tuition increase to be less than it has been in recent years, although the board has not yet set anything in stone.

Other short-term goals will hopefully bring in more funds. "While in general our mantra is better, not bigger, the new plan calls for the addition of 50 students over a four year period," said Williamson. The plan may reduce the number of available single dorm rooms.

Long-term considerations are also being made. "We hope that Westminster can grow its endowments substantially. The strategic plan calls for the initializing of a plan called 'For our Future' that will encourage alumni to think in terms of a 200 million dollar endowment for Westminster," said Williamson. The current endowment is closer to 76 million.

Because of budget cuts and financial problems, rumors have been swirling around campus, many of which the administration has fought to put to rest. In terms of the new campus center, Williamson reminds students that it was funded entirely by external gifts.

Likewise, there is talk of a hiring freeze on campus. "There isn't really a hiring freeze [in the sense that no one new is hired]," said Williamson. "As people leave or retire, decisions are being made on whether or not to fill the position."

For instance, two secretaries used to work in Williamson's office, but after one retired, they decided not to fill the position.

"We're spreading some work around, and trying to be prudent in the way we manage the institution," said Williamson.

Geek Week celebrates math and science skills

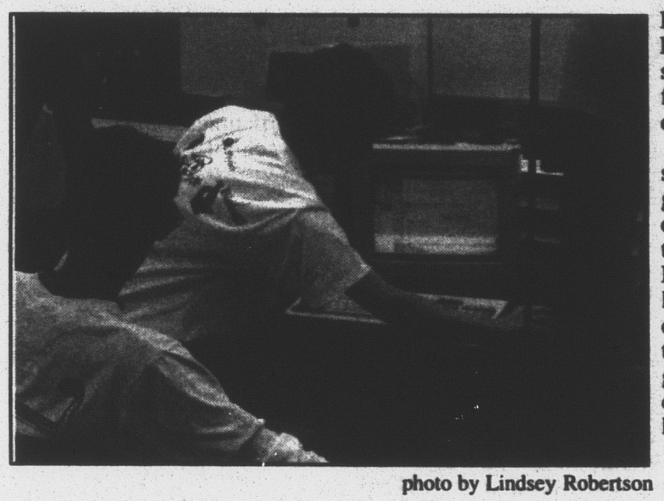


photo by Lindsey Robertson

Students work through an event during Geek Week.

by Megan Deem
Staff Writer

Monday, September 22 witnessed the first annual "Geek Week" The event consists of competition between teams of biology, psychology, math, computer science, chemistry, and physics majors. Thanks to a group of biology majors who founded "Geek Week," science majors get an opportunity to celebrate their math and science skills in one crazy week.

Geek Week lasted five nights, starting Monday, in Hoyt. Each night was sponsored by a different science department.

Monday night started with a biology exercise, which each department had to create edible DNA. Tuesday was led by the physics department, where they made a "human graph." Wednesday chemistry majors had students play with forensics to identify a criminal. The math and computer science majors hosted "Instant Insanity and all that Craziness" on Thursday. The last night, Friday, psychology students led the way through "the most difficult maze ever."

There were many enthusiastic reactions to the event. "We're psyched about geek week," said Dave Dobbins, a psychology major in a team called "Webster's Winners."

Each department was headed by a designated student, with the help of some "geeky" professors. Tacia Despo, a senior biology major, was in charge of organizing the entire program. Geek Week participants hope to continue this event, making it an annual Westminster activity.

Geek Week generated many positive comments. "I'm kind of sad it didn't start sooner," said Rachel Smith, a senior psychology major. "Every year we could've improved to take the crown!"

"It's been great! My favorite part was making words from the periodic table," said Mike Schnetz, a senior biology major, and member of the team "Biohazard"

A closing ceremony was held Friday, after the last event, to recognize the participants of geek week. Prizes were donated from each department to award to the winners of each activity. Prizes included beaker mugs, candy, plastic rats, Frisbees and many other "geeky" items. The Grand prize of fifty dollars was awarded to the Biology team who won first place on overall activities.

Carolyn Cuff, a professor of math and computer science, won the "geekiest professor" title.

"We want to thank the students who participated, the professors for helping out, the administration who came to watch and the departments who supported it" said Despo.

"[Geek week] did not just show who was smart," said Sandra Webster, chair of the psychology department, "it also showed who was educated."

Shakespeare's players to take on campus center

by Mark Woessner
Staff Writer

This Halloween, the McKelvey Campus Center hosts its first theatrical performance, Shakespeare Abridged, directed by junior Bob Allen.

"I picked this play because I've seen it done and it is really one of the funniest shows I've ever seen," Allen said.

The small cast, selected from about 30 auditions, consists of senior Drew Houston, senior Chris Medjesky, junior Pat Shannon and first-year Aidan Mewha.

Written by the Reduced Shakespeare Company, the play is about three students, who know nothing about William Shakespeare, getting together to perform all of Shakespeare's works in a single play, which turns into a bunch of shenanigans.

The play is currently the longest running comedy in London, going on its eighth year.

The cast tries to act out all of Shakespeare's 37 plays in 97minutes. One of the characteristics that makes Shakespeare Abridged funny is the time restraint, in addition to the constant changing of costumes and even sex changes.

The play also relies heavily on slapstick comedy.

"If you like vomit, physical comedy, car chases, The Family Guy or Monty Python, then this is the play for you," Mewha said.

"You like Shakespeare, you'll love it; if you hate Shakespeare you'll love it. It's a play for everyone to enjoy," said Shannon.

This slapstick comedy will run from Oct. 31 to Nov. 1 with all showings at 7 p.m. in the McKelvey Club Room. According to Allen, students can also look for a preview of the play in the upcoming weeks in the center.

This play will be somewhat different than the usual Westminster performance.

"We're not going to water it down. We're going to stay true to the playwright," Allen said. "I would rate this PG 13."

"We're not afraid to be risqué; we're not afraid to be funny," Huston said.

The cast also recommended being cautious about sitting in the front row for reasons they do not want to reveal at this point.

For more information, contact Allen at allenrp@westminster.edu

The show is produced by Alpha Psi Omega, the college's theatre honorary society.

Tony Danza opens 36th Celebrity Series season

by Elizabeth Bacheson
Staff Writer

The Celebrity Series program began its 36th season by welcoming Tony Danza to Orr Auditorium this past Saturday.

The show opened to a sold-out audience consisting of students, faculty and residents from the surrounding areas.

According to Gene DeCaprio, director of Celebrity Series, the college booked Danza in the same way any theater would go about booking an entertainer. He was on tour in the area and was scheduled one year in advance.

"Westminster's reputation makes us a great place for celebrities to come. They are treated well here, and we are an appreciative audience," DeCaprio said.

On the night of the performance, DeCaprio introduced Danza and told the audience that they could have seen him in New York or New Wilmington, but they were lucky enough to be seeing him here in New Wilmington.

"After all, he will be performing at a supper club in New York City in three days," DeCaprio said.

As laughter rose from the audience, the lights dimmed and the audience became silent. Danza told the audience that he was honored to be here and began with a doo-wop style song. In between the different numbers, Danza told jokes and tidbits about himself and his life. He said that he is living the Italian dream with a spotlight and a microphone. Tony backwards spells "Y Not," he said in response to his own question as to why he began touring.

The genre of songs changed countless times during the program from jazz, to several slow love songs, to 1951 classics such as "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," and even to rap, in which he attempted to complete an entire rap without making a mistake. Danza next spoke in Italian, played the piano and tap-danced all in one song. In the next number, he played the trumpet.

Sophomore Richard Humphrey was impressed. "I had no idea that Tony Danza did anything other than act. He is so versatile. It was really fun to watch," he said.

The show provided a very laid back, exciting and friendly atmosphere.

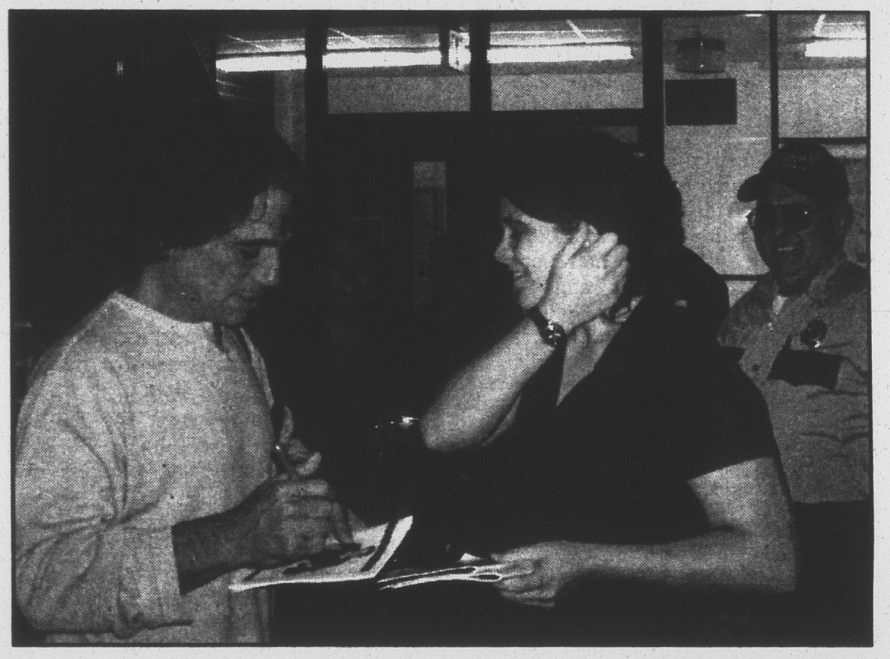
"I loved his energy. He kept my attention through the entire show, and I respect the fact that he took his dream of touring and made it a reality," sophomore Christy Sitter said.

Dean of Student Affairs Neal Edman also enjoyed the variety of the program.

"I was thoroughly impressed at the various talents he displayed. What an exciting career he has had! We were extremely lucky to have him perform here at Westminster," Edman said.

"It's exciting to see an act like Tony Danza come to Westminster," said senior Melissa Logan, a public relations intern for the Celebrity Series. "His show appeals to a variety of audiences, including students. Who didn't love Tony Danza in 'Who's the Boss?'"

Though Danza is famous for starring sitcoms such as "Who's the Boss?" and "Taxi," his most recent role in David E. Kelley's "The Practice" earned him an Emmy nomination. Danza, a stage and screen star as well as a producer, started his own song and dance tour in 1995 in Atlantic City. Since then, he has performed in popular nightclubs around the country establishing himself as a multi-talented entertainer.



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Lindsey Roberston was lucky enough to get an autograph from Tony Danza.

Up next for the Celebrity Series program is the Celtic music group "Leahy," who will be performing in Orr Auditorium on Monday, Oct. 13. After touring with Shania Twain, this group of nine brothers and sisters consists of singers, instrumentalists and step dancers. Comedian Bob Newhart will also be performing on Oct. 21, followed by vocalist Linda Eder on Nov. 6. For any questions, contact Connie McGinnis, assistant director of the Celebrity Series, at extension 7354.

Radio tower improvements could expand listener coverage

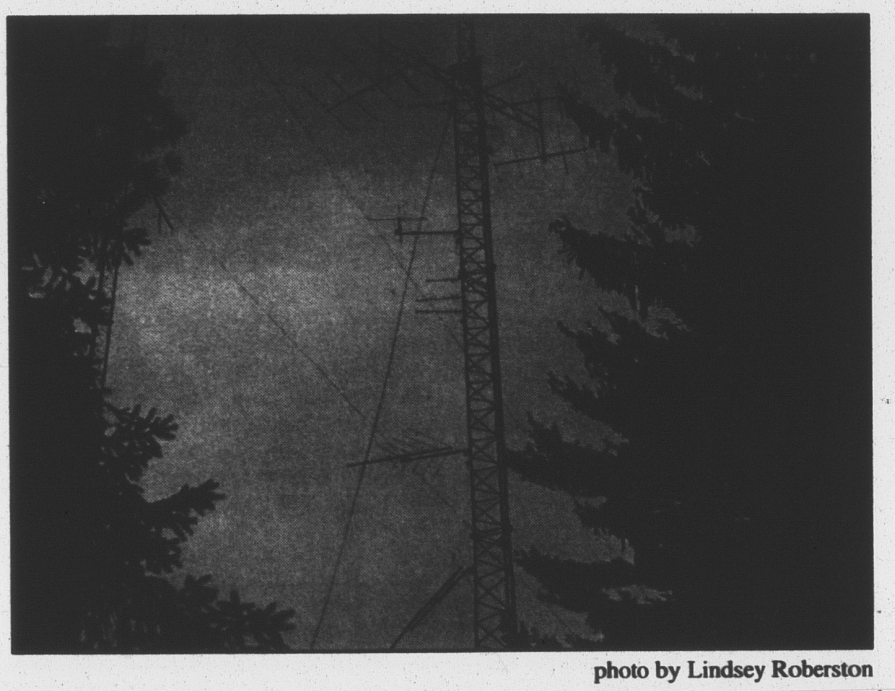


photo by Lindsey Roberston

Changes to the radio tower will increase the coverage of the campus station.

by Heather Jones
Staff Writer

By next year, Titan Radio could reach a larger audience, providing more Titan fans with coverage of games and more music fans with the opportunity to listen to the station's nonstop music.

Rick Hayes, a Federal Communications Commission attorney, filed an application on behalf of the college's radio station on Sept. 11. The application has three requests: to double the wattage power from 110 to 200 watts ERP, to change the antenna from a horizontally polarized antenna to a circular polarized antenna and to move the antenna from the water tower near the President's house to a location closer to the campus.

So what exactly does all this mean? Dr. David Barner, chairman of the communications art department, explained that by doubling the power and changing from a horizontal to a circular polarized antenna, Titan Radio would have a much larger demographic, or coverage, area. Circular polarized antennas are the antennas found on cars. This type of antenna rather than a horizontal polarized antenna can create a stronger signal.

The antenna currently sits at minus 49 feet above average terrain. By moving it to the cable tower, it will sit at 100 feet above average terrain. Average terrain, in this situation, refers to the height of the antenna in comparison to surrounding land. The height change will also help the signal be clearer and stronger.

Senior Rachel Mondale, who is on the air every Monday and Tuesday, is excited about having a larger audience. "Everybody out there [in the communities] will be able to hear what we are doing here as students," she said. Mondale is hopeful about increasing the status of the radio station through this change. She hopes more people will tune in and take an interest in the school's events broadcasted on the radio.

Program director Amanda Oliveri is also very excited. She believes this will be a "true test of how well we run the radio station." According to Oliveri, the radio station tries to be as professional as can be for a small college radio station and these changes will be a big help in improving the professionalism of the station.

Another benefit to the move is ending a problem of interference. Because of the radio station's antenna being located on top of Orr, visiting bands and speakers have trouble with audio interference.

It usually takes the FCC anywhere from three to six months to act on a minor change application such as this one. However, there is a positive feeling about being granted a construction permit. "We don't foresee any problems with the move," Barner said.

Once the college is granted the permit, the changes will be made, the radio station will begin operating on the new system, and the FCC will be notified of completion.

Patriot Act draws students to protest in Pittsburgh suburb

by Kim Nester
Staff Writer

On Saturday, October 4, students of all majors will drive down to Homestead, PA to participate in an all day event entitled "Free Speech Homestead" in an effort to protest the Patriot Act and the proposed Victory Act.

Those students interested in attending the event will carpool from the campus and arrive before the first event at 1:15 p.m. at the Carnegie Library of Homestead on 10th and Library streets. The first event will be a speech entitled "Civil Liberties Then and Now". At 3:15 p.m., protestors will march from the Homestead Library to "Free Speech Corner" on 9th and Amity streets and then enjoy the "Labor Music Concert" at 8 p.m. in the Carnegie Music Hall. Students are expected to return after the concert.

The Patriot Act was signed by President Bush on October 26, 2001. The USA Patriot Act is an acronym that stands for Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act. It is 342 pages long and changes immigration laws, tightens controls on money laundering, and greatly expands the legal use of electronic surveillance.

The Patriot Act has been a source of much debate and protest since it was signed into law.

"I totally believe that [The Patriot Act] is a breach of our privacy and Civil Rights," said Andrew Huston, a senior Political Science major.

Others are quick to agree.

"I understand why they want to do it. However, I don't agree with it. More than anything, it takes away our basic rights and our right to be Americans," said senior Gwen Kennedy.

"Its expansion on relaxing warrants for phone number taps is a good thing. On the whole, though, it's too much touching on civil liberties," said senior Todd Wilson. "It allows the government to track supposed terrorists like a criminal investigation, which wasn't done before."

The "Free Speech in Homestead" event was created by the Pennsylvania Labor History Society in 1935 after a meeting of the Pittsburgh Civil Liberties Committee was held to decide on a proposed campaign to open some of the closed steel towns to free speech. At the time, Hyde Park was the only place where groups who didn't hold a permit were allowed to protest around the Pittsburgh area.

Don Asher offers advice for the great beyond

by Logan Herlinger
Staff Writer

How is a college graduate supposed to get a job in today's struggling economy? Is graduate school a smart choice? When is the best time to start searching for schools?

On Sept. 25, nationally renowned speaker and author Donald Asher answered these questions and more in a two-part seminar held in McKelvey Campus Center.

Asher has written nine books, including From College to Career and The Foolproof Job-Search Workbook. He is also a contributing writer for the Wall Street Journal's National Business Employment Weekly and Managing Your Career magazines.

The first part of the seminar took place at 1 p.m. and dealt with tips for getting into graduate school. It was held in the Witherspoon Room.

Asher began by explaining why one should attend graduate school. According to Asher, a person's I.Q. increases with additional years of schooling. Secondly, without a graduate degree, one's career can be stalled when the competition does have one. Lastly, people with graduate degrees have much lower unemployment rates and make more money than those without.

Asher went on to talk about the Graduate Record Examinations. He did this mainly to ease students' fears of the test.

"One of the major errors that students make with the GREs is that they over prepare," Asher said. "You only need about 10 hours of actual preparation to reach your potential."

One question that came up was the importance of grades for getting into graduate school.

"When I started my research I believed that good grades were necessary to get into graduate school," Asher said. He admitted, however, that bad grades can be overcome.

"It's all about selling yourself," he said. "Never self-select out." In other words, a student should not assume that he or she does not have the qualifications to attend a certain program. Instead, it is important to prove why a school should accept him or her.

At 6:30 p.m., following a senior reception, Asher presented the second half of his seminar, which focused on the job search. The seminar was again held in the Witherspoon Room.

The second seminar was much more informal than the first, with Asher spending most of the time walking among the students and interacting freely with them. The students in attendance responded well to his interactive style.

"Mr. Asher is really good at what he does," senior Todd Fischer said. "He was able to convey pertinent information in a manner that was not at all preachy and which left me with the desire to go out and get started now."

This second half of the seminar dealt with the three things that Asher believes a student needs to know when starting a job search. According to Asher, these three things are: 1) A student gets jobs by talking to people; 2) A student needs 100 leads at all times and 3) A student should look for work in channels.

Asher stressed that the key to these three things is to get out and meet new people. "The problem with your generation is that you hide behind the Internet," Asher said. "Almost 75 to 80 percent of job openings are never listed. Therefore, the only way to find these jobs is by presenting yourself."

Asher's presentation had an impact on the students in attendance.

"Don Asher helped me realize that the job search doesn't start upon graduation, it begins right now," senior Brian Glass said.

For more information on Asher or on similar programs, contact the Career Center at ext. 7339.

Chemistry department recieves grant

by Melissa Logan
Senior Staff Writer

The college chemistry department recently received a $67,000 grant from the National Science Foundation under the "Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory improvement" program.

"The grant funds a four-year project that will change how first- and second-year chemistry courses are taught at Westminster," said Dr. Sherwood, assistant professor of chemistry. "We are purchasing a High Performance Liquid Chromatograph, an instrument that separates compounds and detects their presence."

This equipment is the instrument of choice for separation and identification of pharmaceuticals and biomolecules. For example, if a sample of iced tea is injected into the HPLC, the instrument will detect what compounds, including caffeine and tannins, are present in the liquid. Further, the HPLC measures the concentration of each substance.

"Without this grant, we would never be able to afford this instrument," said senior chemistry major Emily Stull. "This is a great opportunity to update our outdated equipment."

As part of the conditions, Westminster was required to match funds. Total given from the grant is $67,000 with the College raising an additional $39,000. The grant not only pays for the equipment, but also for faculty training, summer workshops, and development of new laboratory experiments.

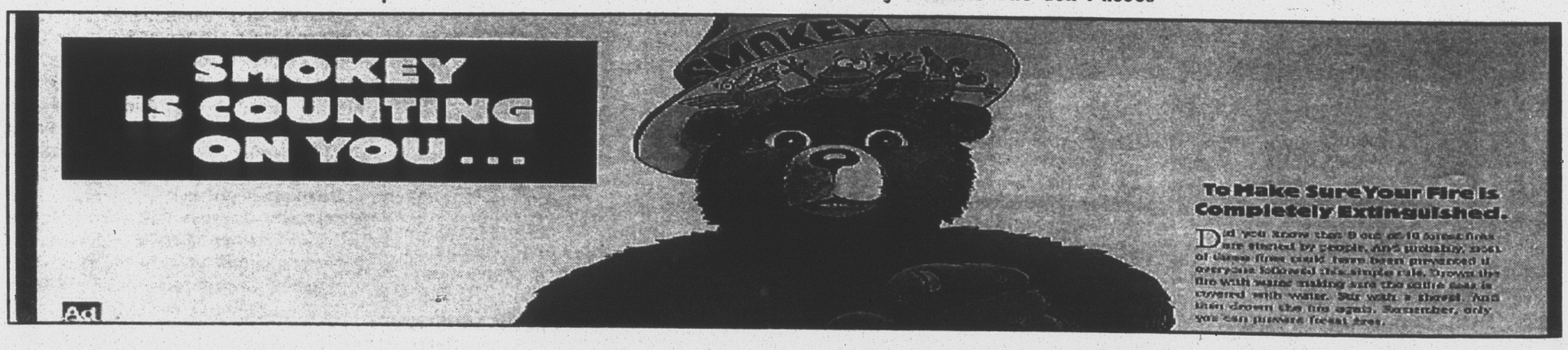
Further changes are being considered for the department. During the next four years, the chemistry department will phase in "block scheduling." This schedule allows for more time in the laboratory. Additionally, professors will be able to both present a topic through text material and through experiments during the same daily session.

"Considering the small size of our chemistry department, it provides a lot of opportunities," said sophomore chemistry major Aaron Bruck. "This grant will help reach more of the chemistry students who don't necessarily have the chance to do research with other institutions or companies."

The HPLC will be delivered to the department by the end of this semester. Next semester Sherwood will develop lab experiments to be used beginning with the following academic school year.

Classes most likely to take advantage of the new equipment are Principles of Chemistry, Organic Chemistry I & II, Chemical Analysis, Introduction to Forensic Science, Environmental Science Capstone, and Biochemistry. Additionally, this equipment will be available for the teaching of other science classes.

Chemistry professors involved in the grant process were Dr. Helen Boylan, assistant professor of chemistry, Dr. Martha Joseph, assistant professor and chair of the chemistry department, and Dr. Peter Smith, assistant professor of chemistry. Sherwood initiated the process and wrote the grant. Others in the department offered their suggestions and advise.



AROUND THE GLOBE

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Former Rite-Aid executive charged with fraud, conspiracy

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) There may not be such a thing as a good time to be the defendant in a multicount federal criminal trial, which is what faces former Rite Aid Corp. executive Franklin C. Brown when opening statements get under way Monday in his fraud and conspiracy case.

Brown is the first high-ranking corporate officer to face a jury since a rash of high-profile business scandals broke out, peppering the headlines with once-obscure names such as Enron Corp., WorldCom Inc. and Tyco International.

If adverse public opinion about the wider problem of boardroom greed trickles down to affect the eight women and four men that make up Brown's jury, it could portend problems for the ranks of indicted executives waiting for their own day in court.

"I think everyone suspects that this is about the worst moment for a defendant to go on trial anywhere in a case involving accounting or financial irregularities," said Columbia University Law School professor John C. Coffee, who teaches a course on white-collar crime and was a consultant in civil proceedings that grew out of the Rite Aid accounting scandal.

Although Brown, who was Rite Aid's general counsel and vice chairman, is the first individual defendant to go to trial, Arthur Anderson LLP was convicted of obstruction of justice in 2002. Jury selection starts on Monday in New York in two other major cases: the state criminal trial of former Tyco executives L. Dennis Kozlowski and Mark H. Swartz, and the obstruction-of-justice case against former Silicon Valley investment banker Frank P. Quattrone.

There's a risk of guilt-by-association that Brown's defense team countered by having four potential jurors struck from the panel after they said they would suspect Brown was guilty because a group of fellow former Rite Aid executives have all pleaded guilty after being charged with similar offenses.

Among the former Rite Aid top managers who pleaded guilty to criminal charges and may testify against Brown are chief executives Martin L. Grass and Timothy J. Noonan, vice presidents Eric S. Sorkin and Philip Markovitz, and chief financial officer Franklyn M. Bergonzi.

Brown was indicted in June 2002 and accused of conspiring with Grass and Bergonzi to inflate Rite Aid's financial statements during the late 1990s, a period when the company's stock soared. In 2000, the company restated its net earnings downward by $1.6 billion.

Suicide note links victim to August 28 bombing

PITTSBURGH (AP) A man who police say helped a woman hide the body of her roommate in his freezer wrote a suicide note in which he proclaimed his innocence in the case of a pizza deliveryman who died when a bomb locked to his neck exploded, a person involved in the investigation said Saturday.

William Rothstein stated in the note that he had no role in Brian Wells' death on Aug. 28, the law enforcement source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

FBI agents investigating Wells' death, which occurred after he robbed an Erie bank and the explosives around his neck detonated as the bomb squad was en route, said they had nothing to connect that case to the murder investigation involving Rothstein.

"We don't have any evidence linking the two (cases)," FBI agent Bob Rudge said Saturday.

Marjorie Diehl-Armstrong, 54, is charged with killing James D. Roden, 45, at the home they shared outside Erie in Summit Township. She has denied involvement in the murder and has implicated Rothstein, her longtime friend and former boyfriend, according to Rothstein's attorney.

According to state police documents, Rothstein told authorities he was contemplating suicide on Sept. 20 - the day Roden's body was found in the freezer, the Erie Times-News reported Saturday. The police documents do not describe the note's contents.

Wells' last pizza delivery on the day he died was to a television transmission tower on a small access road that runs by Rothstein's home. That apparently prompted Rothstein to mention the Wells case, the source told AP.

"He didn't want people, the police, to get hung up on the fact that the (Wells) crime scene was so close to his house," the source said. "It's a bizarre explanation, but it does make some sense."

Authorities are trying to determine whether Wells was a willing participant in the bank robbery or whether he was accosted during that delivery. Wells told police someone locked the bomb to him and he was forced to rob the bank.

According to court documents, Rothstein said Diehl-Armstrong called him and told him she had found Roden dead and was worried that she would be blamed. Rothstein told police that he went to Diehl-Armstrong's home, wrapped Roden's body in a bedspread and a tarp then took it home, where he set up a pulley system to lift Roden's body into the freezer, according to police documents.

—Regional Briefs

Bookkeeper convicted of fraud

PHILADELPHIA (AP) A federal jury convicted a 74-year-old bookkeeper Tuesday on charges she helped embezzle $1.2 million from the suburban synagogue where she worked for almost 40 years.

Betty Shusterman was convicted of 46 counts of conspiracy, mail fraud, bank fraud and tax evasion. She faces a four- to five-year prison term when she is sentenced early next year, prosecutors said.

Her attorneys did not immediately return phone calls Tuesday.

Prosecutors said Shusterman conspired with synagogue executive director Barry Wilf to siphon off the money between 1993 and 2000, pocketing about $300,000.

Wilf pleaded guilty in June to bank fraud, mail fraud and tax evasion.

Much of the cash went to a secret bank account for the fictional "Temple Sinai Breakfast Club," prosecutors said.

The undiscovered thefts drained away a tenth of the synagogue's budget and left it in severe financial distress, prosecutors said. Its staff was forced to take a 5 percent pay cut in 1998.

Shusterman had been the bookkeeper at Temple Sinai in Dresher, about 12 miles north of Philadelphia, since 1963.

Fort Pitt Bridge to reopen

PITTSBURGH (AP) The ribbon was cut Tuesday, but the real treat comes Wednesday at 6 a.m. That's when the Fort Pitt Bridge ramp leading to Interstate 376 reopens, marking the final step in the 10-year reconstruction of the bridge and tunnel and related roads.

The bridge and tunnel carry traffic - about 75,000 vehicles a day - in and out of the city's southern portal along Interstate 279. The bridge and its connecting ramps were built in 1959 and the tunnel was completed a year later. Neither had been rebuilt in the interim.

Beginning in 1993, PennDOT spent several years improving other bridges and boulevards, so they could handle the overflow of detoured traffic while the bridge, tunnel and ramps were closed for most of the past two years for reconstruction.

The ramp connecting northern inbound traffic to Interstate 376, which leads motorists eastbound through and out of the city, was the last piece of the $84.2 million puzzle.

Death penalties stacked

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) A man already on Ohio's death row has received a second death sentence.

Franklin County Common Pleas Judge Dale A. Crawford sentenced James Conway III, 25, of Columbus, to death Tuesday, said prosecutor James Lowe.

A jury had recommended a death sentence last week after convicting Conway of aggravated murder, kidnapping, abuse of a corpse and other charges in the death of Andrew Dotson.

Dotson's body was found in a cornfield in October, 2001, stabbed twice with a pickax. Authorities said Dotson, 20, of suburban Hilliard, saw Conway shoot another man earlier that year.

Prosecutors said Conway killed Dotson after trying unsuccessfully to hire others to do the job.

The jury was not allowed to know that Conway already had been sentenced to die for a January 2002 murder outside a Columbus strip club. In that case, Conway shot a bystander after his brother was stabbed in a fight.

Stacking death penalties isn't new to Ohio. Alton Coleman, who killed eight people in a 1984 rampage through six states, received four death penalties, two in Ohio and one each in Indiana and Illinois.

One of the Ohio sentences eventually was overturned.

Coleman was executed last year at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility.

Legal limit to be lowered

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) Gov. Ed Rendell on Tuesday signed a bill to reduce Pennsylvania's legal blood-alcohol limit for motorists and revise penalties under the state's 20-year-old drunken-driving law.

"It is comprehensive legislation that gets tough on repeat offenders and drivers with the highest blood-alcohol content levels, while at the same time focusing on drug and alcohol treatment and evaluation," Rendell said.

The governor signed the bill just before a Wednesday deadline for reducing the blood-alcohol threshold from 0.10 to 0.08 percent, removing the prospect of losing $11 million in federal transportation money. The House gave the bill a final round of approval on Monday.

The bill also ensures that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has the authority to install an ignition interlock device in the car of a repeat offender for one year - another requirement of the federal government - whether or not that is ordered by a judge.

The lower blood-alcohol threshold will take effect immediately, while most of the other provisions go into effect Feb. 1, legislators said.

Shelter to offer cat licenses

UNIONTOWN, Pa. (AP) An animal shelter will offer licenses for cats, hoping pet owners will recognize it as a good way to track down lost animals and the state will see it as a way to control the population.

Noah's Ark Humane Society and Animal Control Agency in Uniontown, about 40 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, will start its licensing program Dec. 1. Cat owners voluntarily enrolled in the program will spend $3 for a license that's good for a year.

The state requires dog owners to buy licenses for their pets, but no license is required for cats. But that could change if Noah Ark's program and other efforts are successes, said Robin Moore, a spokeswoman for the shelter.

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American translator arrested for suspected terrorist activities

WASHINGTON (AP) The U.S. government announced the arrest of a second translator at the U.S. prison for terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, bringing total detentions there to three and raising new concern about the extent of possible espionage.

The latest man arrested was identified Tuesday Ahmed Fathy Mehalba, a 31-year-old Egyptian American. He is a civilian who formerly served in the U.S. Army and twice started but failed to complete a military intelligence course to become an interrogator, two defense officials said on condition of anonymity.

Mehalba was medically discharged from the army in May 2001 and later hired by a private defense contractor to be a translator at the prison in Guantanamo Bay, they said.

Officials said they had no further information on why he didn't complete the courses, nor what the medical discharge was for.

The arrest was the third involving someone who worked closely with the largely Muslim, non-English-speaking population of about 660 suspected terrorist fighters being held at Guantanamo. The two other men, another translator and a Muslim chaplain, are both in the military.

Officials said still others are being investigated.

The arrest of a second translator raised new concern about how the military had checked the dozens of translators needed to help with interrogations of al-Qaida and Taliban suspects whose native languages include Arabic, Pashto, Dari and Uighur.

At a brief hearing Tuesday afternoon in U.S. District Court in Boston, Mehalba entered no plea to a charge of making false statements and was detained pending another hearing scheduled for Oct. 8. He could face up to five years in prison and a fine of up to $250,000 if convicted of the charge.

Mehalba, wearing jeans and an orange golf shirt, said nothing during the hearing, except to tell the judge that he could not afford his own attorney.

Michael Andrews, the attorney who represented Mehalba at Tuesday's hearing, said, "He intends to vigorously defend himself against these charges."

Mehalba was arrested Monday at Boston's Logan International Airport after authorities found classified information in his possession, officials said Tuesday.

Surgeon pleads no-contest to practicing without a license

LOS ANGELES (AP) A doctor pleaded no-contest to practicing medicine without a license and grand theft for performing a cosmetic procedure after his license was revoked for allegedly catering to the drug demands of Hollywood celebrities.

Jules Lusman was sentenced to five years of probation, 30 days of work with the California Department of Transportation, restitution to victims and to the Medical Board as well as a court fine.

Superior Court Judge Katherine Mader also stressed that Lusman can no longer practice medicine. The value of the restitution was to be determined by the probation office.

Lusman decided to enter the plea instead of going to trial because "he needed to put this matter behind him as quickly as possible due to personal matters," a lawyer for the doctor told reporters.

Lusman felt the charges were unfair, attorney Kendric Rollins said.

"It was a borderline witch hunt brought because of the interest created during the Winona Ryder trial," Rollins said outside court.

Ryder was among the celebrities Medical Board investigators connected to Lusman. The actress had 37 prescriptions filled by 20 doctors from January 1996 to December 1998, according to her probation report. Lusman lost his license on Dec. 6, 2002, the day Ryder was sentenced to three years of probation and drug and psychological counseling for shoplifting.

Deputy District Attorney Mark Burnley said that Lusman was treated no differently than any other defendant would be under the circumstances.

"The charges would be filed no matter who the person was," Burnley said.

The case was prompted partly by an actress who contacted the Medical Board after Lusman allegedly performed a cosmetic procedure on her and refused to return her fee when she was disappointed with the results.

Judy Henderson told reporters she was referred to Lusman by a friend last March for a procedure similar to the injection of Botox. "He said he had a substance that would last longer," she said.

Henderson said she made an appointment but was surprised when the address she was given was the doctor's house. She went for a consultation but Lusman wanted to do the procedure immediately and "he kept dropping the price."

She agreed to have the injections, but later developed large bumps around her eyes that forced her to miss an audition, Henderson said.

Lusman, she said, did not fix the problem or refund the $600 fee. She then phoned authorities.

National Briefs

Campaign manager resigns

NEW YORK (AP) Democratic presidential candidate Al Sharpton's campaign manager has resigned.

Frank Watkins said Tuesday that he and Sharpton's South Carolina coordinator, Kevin Gray, had resigned. Both men had worked on the Rev. Jesse Jackson's presidential campaigns in the 1980s.

Watkins will remain an unpaid adviser to the campaign, Sharpton said in a news statement Tuesday. Watkins said he was stepping down for personal reasons and still will vote for Sharpton.

Watkins will be replaced by political operative Charles Halloran, who is charged with reorganizing Sharpton's campaign, including auditing his fund-raising.

Sharpton said, "I am delighted to bring such an able and experienced campaign professional on board to manage my campaign."

He said his campaign had already increased fund-raising efforts, including a gala birthday bash on Oct. 14 hosted by Russell Simmons, Jay-Z and Sean "P. Diddy" Combs.

"I have nothing but the highest regard for Frank Watkins and will always refer to him as Uncle Frank and look forward to his sage advice over the course of this campaign," Sharpton said.

Sharpton is one of 10 people seeking the Democratic Party's presidential nomination for 2004.

LSU intruder likes to cuddle

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) A man accused of sneaking into the apartments of Louisiana State University students to snuggle, fold their clothes and watch them sleep surrendered to authorities Tuesday.

Baton Rouge police and the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office issued arrest warrants accusing Steve Danos, 24, of entering 12 apartments of young women in the LSU area on the morning of Sept. 21. Danos turned himself in Tuesday afternoon and was charged with six counts of simple burglary of an inhabited dwelling, three counts of unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling and one count of simple battery.

Authorities said the intruder entered through unlocked doors and windows.

Many of the victims awoke to find a man watching them. One 18-year-old freshman said the intruder crawled into her bed and wrapped his arms around her.

Several said the man identified himself as "Steve" and said he was in the wrong apartment. In some apartments, he folded clothes, arranged shoes and once apparently cooked nachos, the victims said.

Homeland Secruity tour

WASHINGTON (AP) Members of the new House Select Committee on Homeland Security will tour the Seattle area Friday and Saturday to see ports, military bases and other sites at risk of a terrorist attack.

The bipartisan group also will meet with local officials and emergency responders. The delegation will be led by Reps. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., and Christopher Cox, R-Calif., the panel's vice chair and chair, respectively.

Scheduled stops include the ports of Seattle and Tacoma; The Boeing Co.; Naval Station Bremerton; Naval Submarine Base Bangor; and the Lake Washington floating bridges.

Other lawmakers scheduled to go on the tour include Reps. Norm Dicks, D-Wash., and Peter DeFazio, D-Ore. Both are members of the homeland security committee.

Tiger salamander endangered

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Tuesday reopened a public comment period for a proposal to give the California tiger salamander special protections under the federal Endangered Species Act.

The service released the proposal to designate the salamander as a threatened species on May 16 and opened public comment through July 22. The comment period was later extended to Sept. 22.

Now, comments will be accepted until Oct. 31.

"We got some requests from folks, primarily in the San Joaquin Valley, who were concerned they hadn't had enough time to review the proposal and submit comments," said service spokesman Jim Nickles.

Tiger salamanders are about eight inches long, have pale yellow or white spots on black bodies, and can live for as long as a decade.

They hatch in vernal pools and seasonal ponds in the San Francisco Bay area, the Central Valley and along the Central Coast. Once they sprout legs, they travel up to a mile in search of underground gopher or squirrel burrows that will protect them from the heat.

Internet sex offender arrested

BALTIMORE (AP) A man who used the Internet to solicit sex from a state trooper posing as a 15-year-old girl pleaded guilty Tuesday solicitation of a minor for unlawful sexual conduct online.

Donald Taylor Jr., 47, of Camden, N.J., entered the guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Marvin J. Garbis. Sentencing was set for Dec. 11.

Taylor was charged in October 1999 after driving to Frederick, allegedly for sex with an Internet correspondent he believed to be an underage girl.

Frederick County Circuit Judge Mary Ann Stepler dismissed the case in August 2000, agreeing with Taylor's public defender that it was legally impossible for Taylor to commit the crimes with an adult.

The state appealed to Maryland's highest court, the Court of Appeals, which ruled in a 4-3 opinion in November that Taylor had been acquitted and could not be tried again. The high court ruling didn't address the legality of the Internet sting.

U.S. Attorney Thomas DiBiagio charged Taylor in March with crossing state lines with intent to engage in sexual activity with a minor, and using an interstate commerce facility - the Internet - to entice a minor to engage in sexual activity.

Taylor had been released from federal custody and confined to his mother's house in Palmyra, N.J. He was also ordered to undergo counseling and prohibited from using computers or the Internet, or having contact with anyone under 18 unless in the presence of his parents.

INTERNATIONAL

American military occupation in Liberia ends quietly

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) U.S. military planes and helicopters carried the last few U.S. ground forces out of war-ruined Liberia on Tuesday - leaving Liberians thankful for their help, but dismayed at their silent withdrawal.

About 30 members of a U.S. military liaison team flew out of Liberia's main airport, ending their work with a West African-led peace mission.

Their ship, the USS Iwo Jima, was no longer visible from Monrovia's shore by Tuesday afternoon, and was due to leave the region within hours.

The Iwo Jima was the last of three U.S. warships deployed in early August off Liberia's capital, Monrovia, where fighting killed more than 1,000 civilians in June and July as rebels besieged the city.

The mission of Joint Task Force Liberia Mission "has been accomplished," a U.S. military spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The presence of the U.S. troops helped drive President Charles Taylor into exile, clearing the way for a power-sharing deal between his government and rebels after 14 years of devastating conflict.

More than 100 heavily armed U.S. Marines went ashore in Liberia on Aug. 14, prodded by international appeals to intervene as Liberia's three-year civil war pressed upon the capital.

Liberians said Tuesday they had wanted to give the Americans a proper send-off.

"We welcomed the Americans when they arrived here overtly. Why their quiet departure?" asked 39-year old Mark Tingeh.

"To leave without a ceremony to bid them goodbye is to present Liberians as an ungrateful people," Tingeh said.

U.N., African and European leaders had argued the United States had a special responsibility toward Liberia, a country founded by freed American slaves in the 19th century. Liberia had remained a leading African trade and strategic partner of the United States up to the end of the Cold War.

President Bush ultimately agreed to a Marine deployment, but disappointed many Liberians by saying it would be limited to backing up the African peace force - and would be finished by Oct. 1.

Liberians' hopes were diminished further when most of the Marines who went ashore stayed behind high walls at an airport well outside Monrovia, out of sight to almost all Liberians. Those Marines, members of a rapid-reaction force, pulled back to their ships by Aug. 25.

The 30 or so other Marines acting as liaisons with the African force received warm smiles and greetings from Liberians as the troops moved about Monrovia.

Many Liberians said they felt safer with the Marines onshore, saying their own ill-trained and often drunk and drugged fighters wouldn't dare take on U.S. forces.

Others called the onshore deployment a token force - and overdue since it didn't come during the deadly heights of the rebel sieges.

Iraqis hopefull that Americans will help restore economy

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) The black smoke of Baghdad, the burning Baghdad of May, has drifted away. City traffic is back, crawling along on cheap gasoline. Schools reopen this week, Iraqi couples are marrying again, and painters over at the Victory Theater are freshening up the lobby for opening night - whenever that may be.

Night these days, for the people of Baghdad, is a time to hurry home - to rooms darkened by blackouts, to the crackling of gunfire somewhere, staying out of the way of criminals, out of the gunsights of nervous American soldiers.

To a visitor returning after four months, Baghdad is a different place, a city of day-and-night contrasts and of people of many minds, all uncertain.

One day last week off Yafa Street, a gray-haired man named Taha Faraj Obeid stood in dusty shoes and sweat-stained shirt at an outdoor table where Iraqi organizers were collecting names of jobless workers. Are things getting better? a reporter asked.

Other men, crowding around in the heavy midday heat, shook their heads. But Obeid hesitated. "Yes," the out-of-work laborer finally said, "because the Americans are here. I hope they'll help us." Searching for words, he paused again, then added:

"This is our country. Our homeland. We're the people of Iraq. We need more jobs."

As the U.S. postwar occupation stretches on, the people of Iraq are plainly torn by both hope and fear, relieved at a dictator's fall, humiliated and resentful of an alien army mutely pointing its guns at them. They see rebuilding going on, but for them their Iraq cannot be rebuilt fast enough.

Such complex feelings don't make the headlines in distant places.

A mile up Yafa Street from the open-air "jobless center," in a fortress-like American compound, a U.S. Army spokesman complained to international journalists that they were focusing too heavily on negative Iraq news - bombings and anti-U.S. guerrilla attacks.

"All kinds of things are occurring all over the country, the positive things that just aren't getting out there," Lt. Col. George Krivo said.

Iraq's American administrator, L. Paul Bremer, reinforced the point to a TV interviewer during a U.S. visit: "When I arrived in early May, Baghdad was a city literally on fire. There were no shops open. ... The economy was at a standstill. There was not a policeman on duty."

Bremer's own reconstruction plan says truly dramatic change is a long-term proposition, however, for an Iraq whose economy under Saddam Hussein was stunted by 13 years of U.N. sanctions, then shattered by last March's U.S.-British invasion and the arson and looting that followed. Its vital oil industry remains crippled, its electric power supply limited.

"Full economic recovery will take years," the Bremer plan says.

International Briefs

Pro-democracy protest

HONG KONG (AP) Pro-democracy activists scuffled with police who held them back early Wednesday from an official flag-raising ceremony marking China's National Day holiday.

Demanding an end to one-party rule by China's Communists, about 20 demonstrators chanted slogans including: "Atrocious regime stinks for 10,000 years."

"China will only have hope if the one-party dictatorship is ended," said democracy campaigner Koo Sze-yiu.

Hong Kong was returned from Britain to China six years ago but retains civil liberties including free-speech rights that would be unheard of in the mainland, and protests are common.

During a demonstration on last year's National Day, activists torched a Chinese flag - a crime in Hong Kong.

One was convicted in March and got a three-month suspended sentence.

Stage collapse injures 15-20

LONDON (AP) Several theater patrons were taken to hospital, many with broken bones, after a stage collapsed during a film screening of "The Sound of Music" Tuesday.

Police said between 15 and 20 people were injured when they dropped 20-feet (6 meters) when the stage collapsed at the Alexandra Theater in Birmingham, central England. Ten people were taken to hospital by ambulance, some with broken legs and others with non-life threatening head injuries. Others were treated at the scene.

The accident occurred after members of the audience at the "Sing-a-Long-a-Sound of Music"- many dressed in lederhosen and as nuns - were invited on stage during the screening. The event allows fans of the 1965 movie to sing along during the screening.

Soldiers killed in car accident

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) Two soldiers were killed when a vehicle overturned in a canal as troops were responding to a reported mortar attack near the Abu Ghraib prison on the western edge of Baghdad, the U.S. military announced Tuesday.

According to a statement by the U.S. Central Command, a group of soldiers from the 800th Military Police Brigade were headed for the site of the attack when one of the vehicles plunged into a canal. Two soldiers swam to safety but a third was trapped in the vehicle and drowned.

A soldier from the 82nd Airborne Division's dive rescue team failed to resurface during the recovery effort. His body was found Tuesday, the statement said.

Names of the victims were withheld pending notification of kin.

Twin terrorists sentenced

RABAT, Morocco (AP) A Moroccan juvenile court convicted 14-year-old twin Moroccan girls on terrorism-related charges Tuesday and sentenced them to spend five years in prison.

The girls were accused of planning to blow up the alcohol aisle in a supermarket in Rabat, the capital. They confessed their plot to a Muslim religious leader, hoping for his blessing. He turned them in.

The twins, who by law can be identified only by their first names, Imane and Sanae, were convicted for "attempted murder and attempted sabotage in relation to a terrorist enterprise."

"They are innocent, they are children," their mother, Rachida, said before the verdict. "They were brainwashed."

Defense lawyer Abdelfettah Zahrach, who had pleaded for acquittal, said, "It's a very tough verdict on the whole, but it's very lenient in terms of the charges against them."

The girls will be locked up in a prison with a ward for minors. A third defendant, also a teenage girl, was acquitted in the case.

Morocco has cracked down on Islamic militants following May 16 suicide bombings in Casablanca that killed 45 people, including 12 bombers. More than 900 suspected Islamic militants have been arrested.

Until May, the North African kingdom had been largely spared extremist violence. An Islamic insurgency in neighboring Algeria has left at least 120,000 people dead in more than a decade.

Dutch extradition hearings

HAARLEM, Netherlands (AP) A Dutch court held extradition hearings Tuesday for an American millionaire bookie wanted in the United States on charges that he ordered his wife's murder, court officials said.

Robert Angleton, 54, fled Houston, Texas, ahead of his trial and was arrested at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam on June 12 with an altered U.S. passport.

Dutch court officials said a decision would be rendered in 14 days. Angleton can appeal the decision to a higher court.

Even if Angleton's extradition is granted by the Haarlem district court near Amsterdam, national authorities will block his transfer if they do not receive guarantees from U.S. prosecutors that he will not face capital punishment, Justice Ministry spokesman Wim Kok said.

Angleton is accused of hiring his brother, Roger, to kill his wife Doris, who was shot 13 times.

Both men were charged with capital murder in state court. Roger Angleton killed himself in jail 10 months after the shooting, shortly before the trial was to begin. He left behind a suicide note in which he took full responsibility and said his brother Robert was innocent.

SPORTS

Men's and women's soccer earn critical PAC victories

by **Jarrod Takah**
Sports Writer

During the weekend both the men's and women's Titan soccer teams earned critical President's Athletic Conference victories.

The men's team improved to 3-6 (2-1 in the PAC) by defeating Washington & Jefferson by the count of 3-2 in overtime.

Senior forward Todd Fisher netted the winning goal deep into the overtime period.

Senior forward Matt Roser earned the other two Titan goals. With the two scores, Roser has tallied 33 in his career, tying Bill Van Ormer for first place on the Westminster career goals list.

Roser's second goal, coming in the 61st minute sent the game into overtime.

In goal, senior net minder Kevin Humberston saved seven shots to earn the victory.

The women's soccer team improved to 6-3, while remaining unbeaten in the PAC at 2-0.

The Lady Titans tallied three second half goals to defeat Washington & Jefferson by the score of 3-0.

Junior midfielder Jen Raub tallied two goals, while freshman forward Christa Andamasaris added another.

Freshman midfielder Courtney Thompson and senior Alissa Pyle added an assist each.

Junior Nicole Drummed posted nine saves to earn her fourth shutout of the season.

"Now that we've won our first two PAC games we're starting to get confident about ourselves," Drummond said. "As a goalie, when your team puts three goals on the board, it makes focusing on my task a lot easier."

The Titan men return to action at home this Wednesday, October 1st, playing host to PAC rival Waynesburg College at 4 p.m.

For the women, they travel to Penn State-Altoona for a non conference affair on Friday, October 3rd at 6 p.m.

Volleyball Sweeps PAC Rival Thiel

The volleyball team improved to 7-16 overall and 2-1 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play last Tuesday night at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium, as the Lady Titans swept PAC rival Thiel College 30-23, 30-19, 30-28.

Westminster has now won three straight matches and two consecutive conference contests.

Senior outside hitter Diana Barnes led the way for the Lady Titans with a match-high 15 kills, followed by freshman middle hitter Kate McDermott with 10 and sophomore outside hitter Erin Hinks with eight.

Freshman Rachael Cooper recorded team-high totals of 16 assists and three service aces, while senior McKenzie Crowell added a team-high eight digs and junior Sarah McKain tallied three blocks.

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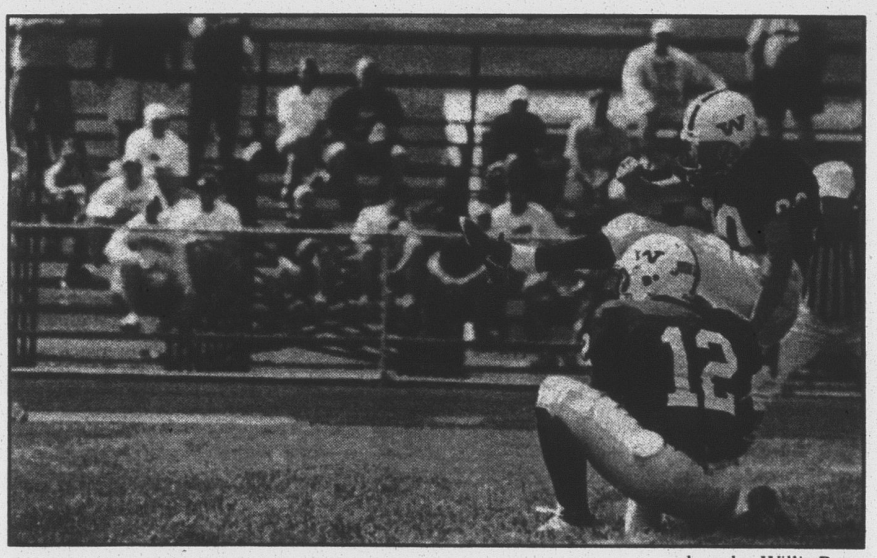
Senior Diana Barnes

Football kickoff moved to suit visiting players' academic needs

The college has moved the kickoff time of its football game against Washington & Jefferson College this Saturday, Oct. 4 from 1 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. The game time was moved for academic reasons, in order to accomodate Washington & Jefferson players who will be taking the LSAT examinations for law school admittance that morning.

"It is rare to change the start time for a football game at this point in the season, but we are willing to do so because the decision involves the academic pursuits of college students," said Westminster Director of Athletics Jim Dafler. "Westminster College places the highest priority on the academic pursuits of all students, including student-athletes at Westminster and at other colleges. We may have to adjust the starting times for some of the Family Day and Titan Sports Hall of Fame activities that are scheduled for this Saturday. However, we constantly tell our student-athletes that Westminster is committed to the philosophy that academic interests come before athletic interests, and we hope that this further demonstrates that commitment."

Last year's football game between Westminster and Washington & Jefferson (won by W&J 29-21 in Washington, Pa.) ended up deciding the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) championship, as W&J finished first at 5-0 and Westminster was second at 4-1. This year, W&J is 3-0 and ranked #16 in the AFCA Division III Top 25 poll, while the Titans are coming off a 3-0 overtime win at Allegheny College.



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This Saturday's kickoff has been pushed back due to the LSATs.

Brink's Pro-sports Preview: Baseball Divisional Playoffs

by **Steven Brink**
Sports Writer

Minnesota vs. New York

The Yankees are looking to bounce back after last season's early exit from the playoffs. Owner George Stienbrenner came into this season with a new mentality stressing toughness and discipline. It paid off as the Yankees won yet another division title. The key to New York's success this year has been pitching. Andy Pettitte has been one of the most productive pitchers in the American League this season. Alongside Pettitte, you have the all-time strikeout king in Roger Clemens, and also a crafty, veteran pitcher in Mike Mussina. Those three pitchers have so much playoff experience that it will be tough for a young team such as Minnesota to beat all of them at least once, maybe twice.

The Twins have exuberance, and it's gotten them to this point. I just can't see them beating the Yankees in a best of five series. New York has too much to prove after last year's embarrassment. It's going to go the distance, but the Yanks will win in five.

Boston vs. Oakland

This will be a great series. Despite Mark Mulder being out with an injury, the A's still have the best 1-2 punch in the American League. Barry Zito and Tim Hudson make up the combination. Every postseason series comes down to pitching. It's so crucial in October. When you look at the rotation for both teams, it seems about even.

That's why the bullpen (Boston's in particular) is going to decide this series. Boston's bullpen has been dismal throughout the entire season. The problem with having a poor bullpen in the playoffs is that Boston is forcing their starting pitchers to go seven, eight, sometimes even nine innings in every start. That's a lot to ask for pitchers that are throwing on four days rest. Other than that factor, Oakland and Boston match up pretty evenly. Unfortunately for Red Sox fans, at some point in this series I think their bullpen will end up costing them a game they should've won. Therefore, I like Oakland to win in four.

Florida vs. San Francisco

Does anyone really know how Florida's going to do in this series? It's impossible to predict. They've been a mystery all season long. When you look at this series on paper, you'd think the Giants should be able to cruise. However, that won't be the case. Florida is a scrappy team that likes to do a lot of the little things: steal bases, hit and run, drag bunt, etc. They have so much speed that it's foolish if they don't do those things. The only thing that concerns me about Florida is their lack of experience. They always go out there and play nine hard innings every day, but will they be able to hold a lead in the crucial stages of an important game? That's the big question. San Francisco has virtually everyone back from last year's World Series team except for Jeff Kent and manager Dusty Baker. I think the Giants have better pitching and more experience. San Francisco will win in four.

Chicago vs. Atlanta

I'm really excited for this series. It's a battle between the young arms of Chicago and the monstrous lineup for the Braves. It's really hard to pick against Atlanta. However, every year they seem to be the pick, but when was the last time they won a World Series?

Doesn't it kind of feels like a storybook season for the Cubbies? Watching them play down the stretch of the regular season, you could tell that this team has the tools to make a run at the World Series. Kerry Wood and Mark Prior are absolutely phenomenal together. Those two will probably pitch at least three out of the five games in the series. Those aren't good odds for the Braves. Atlanta has the experience, but the Cubs have a lot of veteran players that will provide leadership. I think we're looking at a huge upset here. Chicago will win in five.

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

Why do I have to wait 3 hours in the health center when I have an appointment? The school is trying to kill me...

What posessed God to make flamingos? What purpose does that bird serve?!

Why walk when you can dance?

Procrastinate now! Stop putting it off.

The Club Room staff is awesome! Keep up the good work. We love the movie selection too!

Why do people who hate fraternities go to fraternity parties?

Do the maintenance guys realize that they aren't cutting the grass so much as just pushing it down?

Monday, 5 p.m. in the middle of the quad. Celebrity Death Match for the umbrella. Tickets will be on sale in the TUB.

Support Jeans Day!

There is too much Dido on 88.9

Geek Week rocked

E.L.F. is awesome. Keep up the good work.

I quit.

Getting off campus is like being a sardine that's freed from its can.

Do what feels good and makes you happy

Drrrrrrrrreeeeench!

Mornings should be outlawed.

I hate snow

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinons.

Our View: Change

The lazy days of the waning summer have come to a close to pave the way for the majestic beauty of autumn, complete with her vibrant foliage, crisp breezes and cool October nights.

Or, in the lovely little world of Western Pennsylvania, Arctic temperatures, freezing rain, snow, monsoon winds and the inescapable doom of the Westminster plague.

In just a couple short weeks, students who have been rendered deaf by the noise of having their fans on full blast for the past month are now breaking out their warm blankets, hoodies and sweaters and adjusting to the scary burning smell of the residence hall heating systems.

So where did fall go exactly? Can an entire season really disappear like that extra sock that always mysteriously escapes into the black holes of the campus drying machines? Did fall go to the same magical land where all of our extra meal plan money goes each time we are ripped off on a grilled chicken meal at the TUB?

Only Mother Nature and the all-powerful and all-knowing authority that is Sodexho know the answers to these questions.

These are aspects of life we cannot change. So we go ahead and bundle up in our jackets and hooded sweatshirts despite the fact that it is only the beginning of October and we go ahead and pay the small price of our SOULS for popcorn chicken at the TUB. And we move ahead and continue on with our lives.

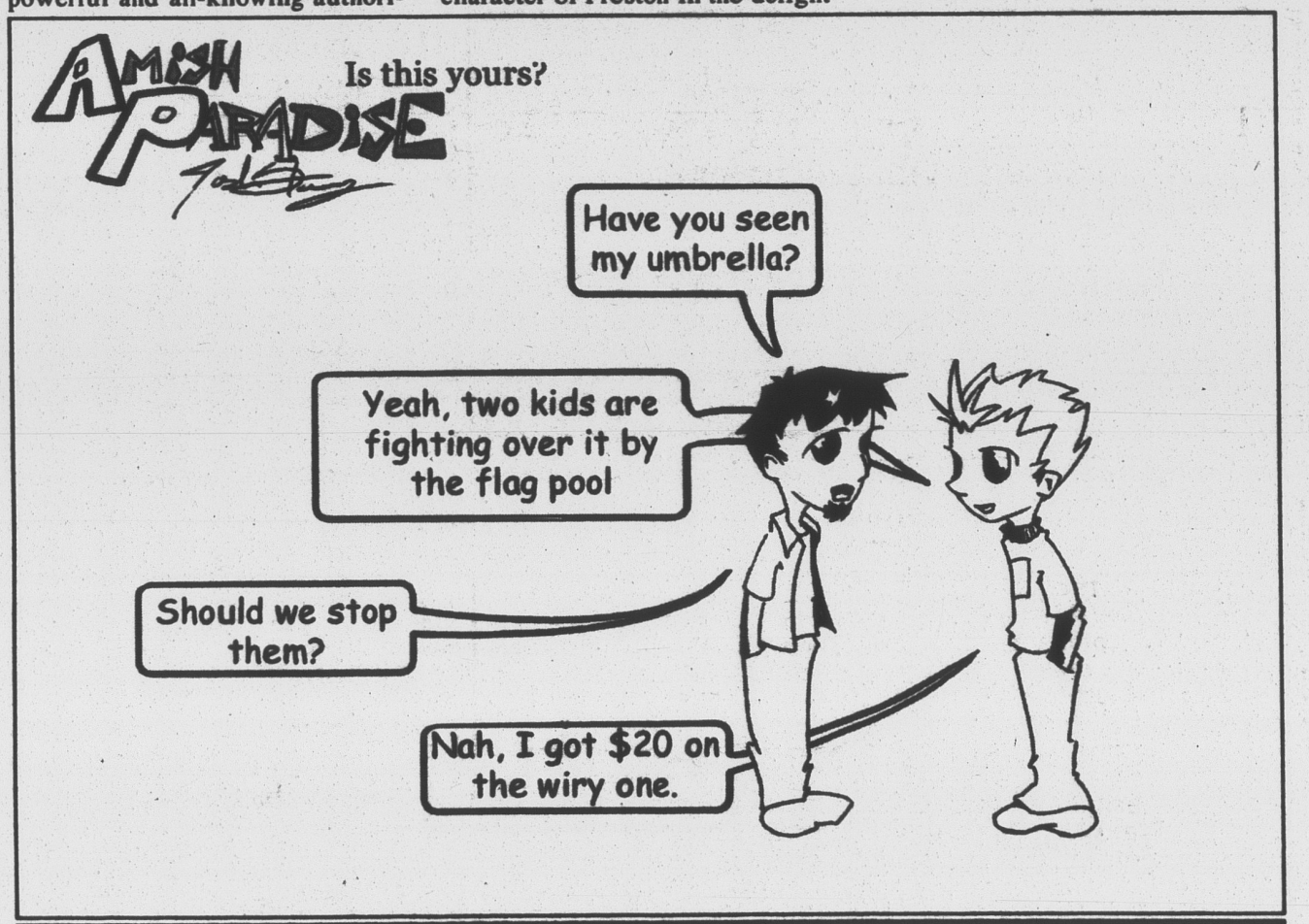
Did fall go the same magical land where all of our extra meal plan money goes each time we are ripped off on a grilled chicken meal at the TUB?

However, not all aspects of our existence are controlled by Mother Nature and the Sodexho demi-gods. Though the force of destiny plays a major role in our life, it does not decide our life. As quoted by the hopelessly romantic character of Preston in the delightful teen movie, Can't Hardly Wait, "Fate can only take you so far. After that, it is up to you to make it happen." And then he takes a deep breath, takes a chance, moves in on the girl of his dreams, and wins her heart.

So get off the sidelines and take a more active role in your life. Accept the things you cannot change and change the things you can. Do not be afraid to make the first move; do not be afraid to major in what you love to do and not what your parents love you to do; do not be afraid to audition for the leading role in a play; do not be afraid to go blonde or brunette or purple; do not be afraid of letting down your guard and falling madly in love.

Leave your safety net and take some risks. Go get that girl or guy of your dreams, go get that A on you deserve on your next paper, leave your law school goal for the stage.

History cannot be rewritten but your future is still an empty page. Don't let someone else become the author what you were fated to write.



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Corrections from Sept. 26, 2003

Computer Jacks: Besides the two Collaborative Booths, there are two data jacks situated in each of the four circular columns in the Cafe. In total, there are 16 data jacks in the Orchard Street Cafe.

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Letter to the Editors

Dear Editor,

Thank you Drew for educating us on the serious problem of Westminster's meal plans.

Two years ago, I wouldn't have given this a second thought. Those of you, who knew me freshmen and sophomore year, will no doubt remember the masochistic lunatic juggling 24 credits. I barely had time to breathe, let alone grab a meal before sprinting to class.

I contracted Diabetes in April 2002. Now, my very survival depends on four to five meals per day-a plan for which Westminster makes little allowance.

I didn't have Drew's calculator last year. Two weeks before the end of the year, I handed the cafeteria worker my card at dinner, and was hit with the words, "You have no meals left." Two weeks left of school; no meals-a diabetic's death sentence. Thankfully, my friends covered me, and my father bought me groceries, but the point is, as a hard-working college student, I NEVER should've had to deal with this situation. Despite my scholarship, I pay in blood to go here. Is it too much to ask to be fed properly?

An instance in the cafeteria last week infuriated me. A manager had spotted a girl with a bunch of bananas and had the audacity to ask her not to take so many. Correct me if I am wrong, but do we or do we not pay for this food; do we or do we not have a right to eat it? If he thought this poor girl was taking more than her share, perhaps next time he should turn his attention to those whose trays nearly topple over with mountains of food from each section. Apparently, we are being charged extra, so I figure, when I fill my backpack with bagels, I'm merely getting my money's worth.

I am on the largest meal plan, and still, must keep to two meals a day to make my plan last. Thankfully, I am a senior; however, this situation must be looked into for the sake of students still living out their sentences. We have enough to worry about without wondering if we have used up our allotted amount of meals for a particular day.

Sincerest thanks to all the workers who brighten our days; this certainly has no connection with you and all the wonderful things you do.

Rachel Lange

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

Thirteen

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Movie Reviewers

Girls, you remember when you were thirteen? Zits, getting boobs, boys, know what I mean? Yea those are basically the main concerns of a typical thirteen year old. Oh wait, how could we forget drug addiction, boozing, theft, and your precious first time with a high school junior? These are just some of the things you'll be able to reminisce about while watching Thirteen. This little independent film explores the life of a very untypical thirteen year old girl named Tracy. Tracy wants to be popular; she does whatever she can to befriend the newly popular Evie. Evie introduces Tracy to a completely different world full of everything imaginable. So now the once sweet and innocent Tracy is stealing, doing drugs, and dressing as slutty as imaginable. Also, we should take this time to point out the movie proves once again that all teenage girls are lesbians, at least according to this movie.

Essentially, that's it. There's some interesting conflict between Tracy and her mother, which builds up to the end of the film. The end isn't really a proper ending with a resolution; rather the film just seems to drop. That's about all the plot we saw.

Since I, Chris, have a little bit harsher of words for Thirteen, it seems only fair to the filmmakers that I go first. First off, I hate symbolic endings. I do not know why any have ever been necessary and I certainly can't think of any reason why they would be. If I wanted to imagine what was to come I would have picked up a book. I want my movies to tell me a story not let me think of one myself. This was the final straw that hurt my views of Thirteen. Don't get me wrong, Holly Hunter was once again brilliant and I think we saw a lot of bravery coming from the two young female stars. More was asked of them for this film then I could ever imagine and they pulled it off. Hopefully, they'll be able to take what they've learned and become the next goddesses of the silver screen. But this was just not enough to make up for the lack of story, the unnecessary showing of Holly Hunter completely naked, or the terrible image this movie presents to young girls across the country. Sure, the movie may have meant to say all that this girl does is bad and girls shouldn't model themselves after Tracy or Evie. But without a proper conclusion, and a silly symbolic ending that a naïve thirteen year old girl most likely wouldn't understand, I don't see anyway that a person could see anything but the glory of their lives at the time. For these reasons Thirteen, in my eyes, was a C movie.

If you want to see a good adolescent/teen angst movie, go see White Oleander. Because compared to that, Thirteen is a solid C.

I, as in Tom, didn't dislike the movie as much; however, it definitely was not a joy ride. The highlight, for me, was seeing the strong performances by the cast especially for Evan Rachel Wood's brilliant performance as Tracy. Wood is most known for her portrayal of adolescent angst on the television show Once and Again, where she developed a loyal fan base. This performance proves that fan base is very smart. Wood has the potential to be a huge force in Hollywood and stardom, especially since she's already chosen such brave material. However, the strengths that Wood brings do not make this film phenomenal by any means. The film really did not have a point other than that these girls were wild and crazy. In the beginning, the film made many interesting observations about the beauty images facing thirteen year olds. But those observations took a backseat as we watched Tracy spiral to despair. Honestly, the film is just depressing as all hell. The director did some innovative work technically, but the audience just grows numb to these characters' feelings and problems. We aren't shocked when something else bad happens....BIG DEAL! Basically, I'd say the film is a B- only because of the actors. If the film had a real resolution then my grade would have been higher. If you want to see a good adolescent/teen angst movie, go see White Oleander. Because compared to that, Thirteen is a solid C.

A Perfect Circle's new CD practically a perfect ten

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

On Tuesday, Sept. 16, A Perfect Circle released their sophomore album Thirteenth Step. While Rolling Stone magazine writes it off as, "that rare supergroup: A collective of veteran musicians that actually adds up to more, not less, than the sum of its parts," the album is in my opinion, hands down the best rock album of the year.

The band went through a number of changes since their debut album Mer de Noms (French for Sea of Names for my bilingually challenged audience). The original line up consisted of; composer and guitar player Billy Howerdel, lyricist and leas singer Maynard James Keenan (Tool), drummer Josh Freese (the Vandals), guitar player Troy van Leeuwen and bassist/violinist Paz Lechantin.

Between Mer de Noms and Thirteenth Step, Troy and Paz left the band for Queens of the Stone Age and Zwan, respectively. They were replaced by former Marylin Manson bass player Jeordie White (a.k.a. Twiggy Ramirez), and former Smashing Pumpkins guitar player James Iha (Iha actually joined after the album was recorded). What the critics fail to realize is that all the material is composed by Billie Howerdel who's only previous claim to fame was his job as a roadie for Nine Inch Nails. While the lyrics are written by Tool lead singer Maynard, this hardly classifies the band as a supergroup. Billy and Maynard also display their musical talents by producing the album. Regardless of the band's classification, you have to break the album down song-by-song to get a good feel of what the album is actually about.

Weak and Powerless: The first single off the album is a definite radio friendly expression of quality A Perfect Circle material. There is some speculation that this song is talking about the dangers of drugs.

The Noose: This may be my favorite song on the album. Danny Lohner from Nine Inch Nails helped produce this song and lent his guitar playing abilities. The CD liner also says that Jarboe does vocals on that song. My best guess would be that they are speaking of The Living Jarboe (see thelivingjarboe.com for more info). Maynard displays his soothing vocals that have won him a spot on stage with the likes of Tori Amos on this incredibily moving song that I would speculate came from his thoughts after the death of his mother. William Howerdel and Maj Christian Michael Lohner also recently died so for the group to write a song about death makes a lot of sense.

A Stranger: This song is also mellow. If anyone paid attention to the reworked acoustic versions of the songs off Mer de Noms they would have expected material like this to be on their follow up album. Danny Lohner helped produce this song and The Section Quartet also let their musical talents to the song.

Crimes: This is the only song on the CD written by the new line up. All of the new members of the band sans Iha lend their song writing skills to this interlude.

The two things this album lacks are Troy's unique guitar style and Paz's violin. We can only hope that with the disbandment of Zwan, Paz will come back into the fold as a full time violinist. My advice to you to is buy the album today.

Ca. recall receiving more airtime than White House race

by Lynn Elber
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES _ The California recall, a combination of star vehicle, peep show and political game of chicken, has gotten unprecedented national TV coverage for a statewide election, receiving more airtime on the Big Three networks than the White House race.

From Aug. 1 through Sept. 25, the nightly newscasts on NBC, ABC and CBS devoted a total of 127 minutes to the recall, said Andrew Tyndall, who monitors TV news for his Tyndall Report newsletter. In that same period, the Democratic presidential contenders received a total of 36 minutes.

That represents unprecedented national airtime for a statewide election, Tyndall said. In 2002, the networks gave all gubernatorial races nationwide a combined 40 minutes of attention for the year.

The world is watching, too, fascinated with Austrian-born Arnold Schwarzenegger's metamorphosis from Hollywood action star to pol.

``It's all people wanted to talk about," said Joel Aberbach, a political science professor at the University of California at Los Angeles who found interest high during a recent European trip.

Other elements of the race are contributing to television's fascination, including the possibility that Gov. Gray Davis could be only the second U.S. governor in more than 80 years to be recalled from office. The ballot also includes a made-for-TV cast of characters among the 135 replacement candidates, including Hustler publisher Larry Flynt, former child actor Gary Coleman and a porn star who wants to tax breast implants.

``There's also a general fascination across the country and the world with California _ the culture, its strange ways and its position, in some sense, as the leading edge of change, for good or ill," Aberbach said.

TV host Chris Matthews has relentlessly tracked the recall campaign on his daily MSNBC show ``Hardball" and on the syndicated ``The Chris Matthews Show," even temporarily relocating from East Coast to West Coast.

Such coverage is necessary because of the national and worldwide interest, he said.

If Schwarzenegger wins the governorship on Oct. 7, ``on Oct. 8 every newspaper _ in Santiago, in Rangoon, in Islamabad _ is going to have it as an item on the front page or in the front section," Matthews said.

ABC anchorman Peter Jennings, in introducing yet another recall story recently, said he was not sure ``everybody in the country is quite as fascinated with what's going on in California in this recall election as we are."

People are more attracted to a ``circus than a seminar," Schneider said, contrasting the recall with the Democratic debates.

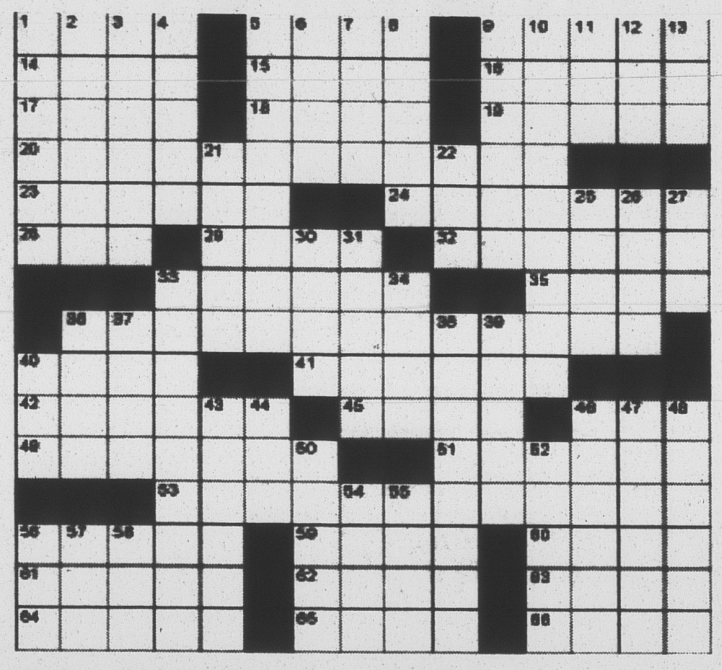
But also, ``it's an intriguing notion that if a politician isn't doing his or her job, they can be fired long before they face voters for re-election," he said. ``That's captured the public's attention."

The recall has even made it onto California's local TV news, which typically shows scant interest in politics. ``You'd have to have a debate on the freeway with two cars chasing each other," Schneider said.

Crossword 101

Election Recall

By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

Democracy substitutes election by the incompetent many for appointment by the corrupt few.

George Bernard Shaw

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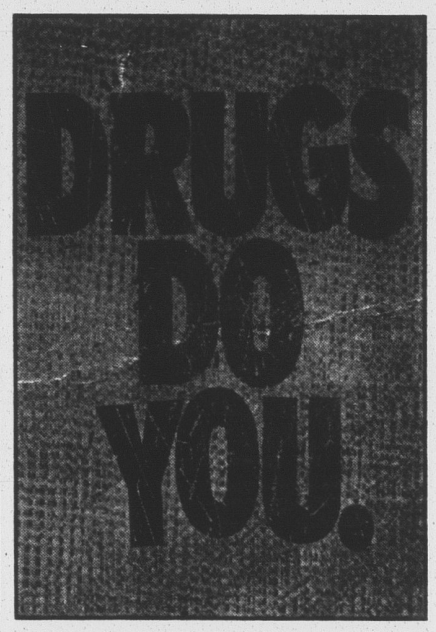


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Learn to recognize when you are finished with a particular venture and move on... resolve to try and do better next time. Plan a family event where everyone participates. Your efforts will be appreciated by all. Taking time for yourself this week will be important.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Love is overflowing. Either a current mate will rekindle your flame, or you may be introduced to a new and exciting love. Whichever occurs, you are now essentially in a new relationship - for the rules have changed. A positive attitude will lift your spirits.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Opportunities abound for you. If the attitudes of those around you are holding you back, it's time to be a little bit more self-centered in order to move yourself closer to your goals. A new financial circumstance is very likely to present itself soon.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Don't try so hard to keep everyone in your small circle happy. Any attempts to patch up an old relationship which is on the rocks, will be met with frustration. Work may be a welcome relief from the worries you can't seem to leave behind. Use your tact and charm.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
It's time to act on the plan you have been formulating for improving your surroundings at home. Money will be tight, but cutting corners in other areas will make the project possible. You and your life-mate are on the exact same track.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Life is not without flaws, and the sooner you convince the perfectionist attitude in yourself, the happier you are going to be. There are some situations which will always be changing, and never perfect. Keep track of the difference between truth and illusion.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Your plans may go completely awry this week. Make the best of the situation and some good may come of it. Something very promising may come from a missed opportunity. It's hard for you to show your feelings, since they've been hurt so many times.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Your hard work may not be noticed by others during the week. Make sure to satisfy yourself first, for you will never be able to count on others for your happiness. Be cautious about spending too much money. Try not to make hasty choices until you've thought further.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Get help with money matters - possibly bank statements and transactions. Your financial footing may be much more stable than even you expected. Investigate all financial tips before taking any actions. If it seems to good to be true, it probably is.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Learn from a friend this week - sometimes spontaneity is the best course of action. Don't be so quick to judge others, you truly do not know what motivates and influences others to do what they do. Take on the leadership role where money is concerned and use a firm hand.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Pay attention to your intuition, particularly where love and romance is concerned. You may feel yourself being drawn into a very unusual relationship, but one that will keep your interest for many years to come. Focus your energies on diffusing any anxieties you may feel.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
If you keep your feelings under wrap, it will create emotional upheavals, even though there is an illusion of control. It's OK to share your feelings with someone you care for. The feminine side of your nature is strongly present and it may make you feel a bit uncomfortable.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: To make your relationships better, avoid pettiness in all its forms when interacting with those close to you. Make sure all communications are crystal clear to avoid blowups and confusion. Take note of any exceptional dreams and try to analyze anything symbolic. Interweave practicality with philosophy.

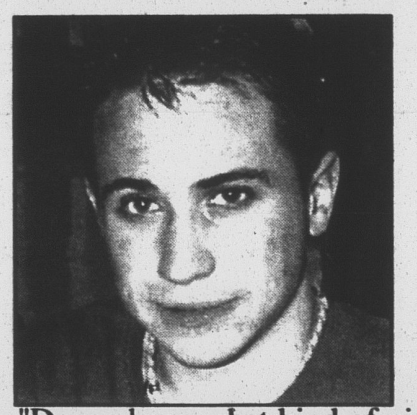
FEATURE

Question of the Week: Pie?

Do you like pie? If so what's your favorite? Really who doesn't like pie?

"I love pie. I like chocolate pie, it's my favorite pie." - Heather Evakich, sophomore

"Yes, banana creme, it's a favorite flavor." - Amanda McAvoy, junior



"Depends on what kind of pie it is. Cherry pie is very good, apple also." - Steve Kokal, sophomore

"Yeah, I like apple pie a lot, but that's it." - Pat Sandora, junior

"Yes. Ooh...banana creme is probably my preference." - Hilary Patrick, freshman

"Yes. I really like all kinds of pie. Pumpkin, or apple. I like pie." - Rachel Lawrence, senior

"I like my grandma's homemade pie because she makes the bestest pie in the whole wide world." - Amanda Kovacic, sophomore

"Yes, I love pie. I like apple pie, with some milk on it." - Aaron Detwiler, senior

"Yes. Pumpkin and apple." - Jolene Slattery, sophomore

"Yes, I like apple pie." - Dr. Edward Cohen

Everyone should have a fuzzy friend

by Carolyn Miller
Resident Plushie Enthusiast

Okay, so I'll save some of the guys' time and let you all know that this article might not apply to you. See, I'm female, and have this tendency to know about typically feminine things.

It's a curse I've had to deal with for years, one that seems to follow me around wherever I go. So bear with me as I go on about something you might not be knowledgeable about. In this case? Stuffed animals.

Honestly, I think that everyone, during their life, has owned a stuffed animal. A teddy bear, a stuffed dog, even a plush Disney character. It has to have happened at some point.

I think it's mandatory for newborns to have at least one stuffed animal to sleep and drool on in their crib.

It's pretty much ingrained into our culture to provide a comfort substitute for when the protectors are busy having a pleasant night out.

When you're young, around kindergarten age, it's no big deal for any kid to have a stuffed animal that they love. I don't think the real teasing starts until probably around age seven or so on the men's side, and the teasing doesn't even really begin on the women's side. Most often, those first plush companions get tossed out after you've grown up enough to buy your own toys.

Some get trashed after a major illness, as stuffed toys retain germs quite well (Velveteen Rabbit, anyone?). However, the lucky ones survive, and those are the ones that remain cherished for life.

No matter where I am or who I'm with, being with a soft toy animal always makes me feel more at home.

Girls, for some reason, keep stuffed animals for years on end. Part of it might come from the way we're raised – to be more sensitive, to be more open to loving cute fuzzy things, and to go shopping for fun and pleasure.

I have this tendency to walk into Toys R Us and dash directly to the stuffed animal section and hug the biggest, softest plushie I can find.

These plush creatures can't move, talk, or even look at you properly unless you sit them upright. But...when no one else can provide the service of listening to your woes, they can.

I'm not the only one of my friends who does this, and I know we're not the only ones in the world. No matter where I am or who I'm with, being with a soft toy animal always makes me feel more at home. Shortly after I was born, I was given a stuffed dog.

I think back to it, and it had to have been bigger than me at the time. I loved that dog – it was my comfort each night and after each fight with my parents.

Its name changed throughout the years from 'Puppy' to 'Gumdrop' to 'Lollipop' to its final moniker, 'Doggie.' One time, when I was about eight, I put a leash on it and 'walked' it down the street and back.

When I returned, it was covered in dirt and grime, and I had to give it a bath to clean it up enough to sleep with again.

It still sleeps in my room, underneath my bed at home, but it didn't make the cut to come to college with me.

Had I brought all of my archived stuffed animals, I wouldn't even have room to walk in my room – not that I do anyway.

Everyone should be able to relate to the comfort of an inanimate object. There are so many different kinds: big, small, tiger, teddy bear, kitty, and even snakes!

These plush creatures can't move, talk, or even look at you properly unless you sit them upright. But they're soft, huggable, and when no one else can provide the service of listening to your woes, they can.

It's always okay to cry to a teddy bear. It's a good listener.

Bleeding Heart vs. No Heart: President Bush

by Richard Marmura
Resident Liberal

Let's get right to the point shall we? I'm here to argue why the current "commander in thief" is not exactly, oh how do I say this politely, setting the grading curve. From a man who ran an oil company (and I use the term "ran" as in "ran into the ground"), became Governor of Texas and then sort-of became President; it seems that one would expect more in the academic/basic-motor-function department. In this article I will focus on Georgie's speeches and statements (or attempts at speeches and statements).

Now I know there are those on the political right who say that Dubya's word choices are the results of everything from a "dialect" to an "overly tight necktie" and that these grammatical gaffes are nothing but "Bushisms." We here on the left, however, are not as forgiving of the president's constant butchering of the English language. But why should you listen to me? Let our great leader's own quotes speak for themselves:

"If the terriers and barriffs are torn down, this economy will grow."

To Hardball host Chris Matthews: "I'm gonna talk about the ideal world, Chris. I've read—I understand reality. If you're asking me as president, would I understand reality, I do."

"I don't read what's handed to me."

And of course my personal favorite that sums up the article, "Is our children learning?"

Now dear readers, most of you can see, plain and simple (or as George might say it "simplifiditudeate"), that GWB has said some exceedingly "interesting" quotes. Now the few of the unconvinced/Bush Supporters may be spitting out your $.25 Tub Water and pointing out that EVERYONE says stupid things. I agree with this statement, however, the quantity and quality of the Presidents misquotes is quite astounding. In fact, if poor speaking was a sellable commodity, George would have cornered the market long ago.

I accept that we all misspeak occasionally. I tend to expect better from an Ivy League educated President.

by Jess Rummel
Resident Conservative

You know, it always amazes me that people in this country, particularly on this campus, give so little credit to our current president.

I know what you're thinking. Actually, I know what you're doing right now: you're rolling your eyes, nudging your friend beside you and saying, "Whoever wrote this is as stupid as Bush."

Well, hear me out, and hopefully you will see a whole new side to Dubya.

Contrary to popular belief, Bush Jr. does speak English. I'd like to remind you all of the remarkable speech he delivered following September 11, you know, the one that rallied the country and for awhile created true bipartisanship, remember that one?

Few do when pointing out various grammatical errors found in Bush single-liners that flood left-wing web pages. In rebuttal, I would just like the public to look at George the way I do, as your sweet uncle.

He's the one that knows just the right thing to say when you're feeling down, but doesn't hold back punches when you do something really stupid. He may falter on a few words, but he always makes his point. And if you don't buy that, just think of the people Americans actually do admire in this country.

The people that crack jokes at Bush's speaking skills are the same people that worship the likes of Britney Spears ("I just love over-sea trips, like going to Canada") and Mariah Carey ("Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean, I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff").

Granted, they're not the president of the United States, but we sure treat them better, plus they get better bling-bling.

So remember, Westminster, take the time to sit down and actually listen to your president, you might like what you hear.

Insert Angry Voice: I complain because I care

by Drew Huston
News Editor

A lot of people think a lot of things about me. Or, maybe, they all think the same thing about me. Or, maybe, they just don't think about me. I'm not particularly sure which one is the most accurate, but I must say that there is one thing that I am not, regardless of what people think: ungrateful. People may think I'm just a whiny malcontent who has nothing better to do with my time than complain. Well, that's what the purpose of this column is – to complain. I write this column to point out problems that I see in my life here on campus. I angrily rail against whomever I choose to blame for these problems (and, hey, I'm not wrong, am I?), and I call peoples' attention to injustices or problems that I myself believe exist. What I don't mention is how hard it sometimes is to come up with a topic of an angry article.

Last week's food article was the result of over three years of being shafted by Sodexho – and I'm very glad that so many people approved and praised it. I think it needed to be said, so I said it.

So, what am I saying this week? I'm saying thank you. I'm expressing my gratitude to this college, its faculty, its administration, its students. Why, you ask, when all I do is complain about them?

Well, first and foremost, I love going to school here. For all of the complaints I have about this school, I wouldn't transfer anywhere for the life of me. I love the relationship that the students have with the faculty, especially. I think the faculty should be commended for just how involved with the students they are. Now, being the biased political science major that I am, I am thinking of my own professors when I say this, but even outside of my major I've found professors ready, willing and even enjoying spending time talking with students and just associating with us. That makes Westminster really special to me personally. It's beautiful here.

The administration, too, though sometimes they feel distant to students, are very accommodating to students. I mean, I can rant and rant and yell and scream about things in the Holcad every week, and they haven't done one thing to try to stop me. Do you know why? Because they respect me and they respect my opinion. How many schools can you think of where the president, the deans and the administration in general respect you and what you think? That also makes Westminster really special to me.

I honestly appreciate this school and what I've learned here, both socially and academically. I've met a lot of really interesting, kind, genuinely good people, ranging from President Williamson to faculty members to employees of the physical plant to information systems workers to student laborers to community members and all manner of others. That is an abounding and wonderful characteristic of Westminster: respect. Though I probably upset a lot of people with my column, I am respected enough to have a chance to say what I think. I appreciate that.

Don't think for a minute that this column is saying that there is nothing left to complain about – believe me, I'll dig something up. I just wanted to say that I'm not just a complainer or a pessimist. I love this school. I love the relationships I've formed here, and the wonderful people I've had the privilege of talking to and learning with. Like I said, I wouldn't transfer someplace else for anything. Just don't count on me to be quiet about things that I don't agree with.

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Denim for diversity

by Josh Storey
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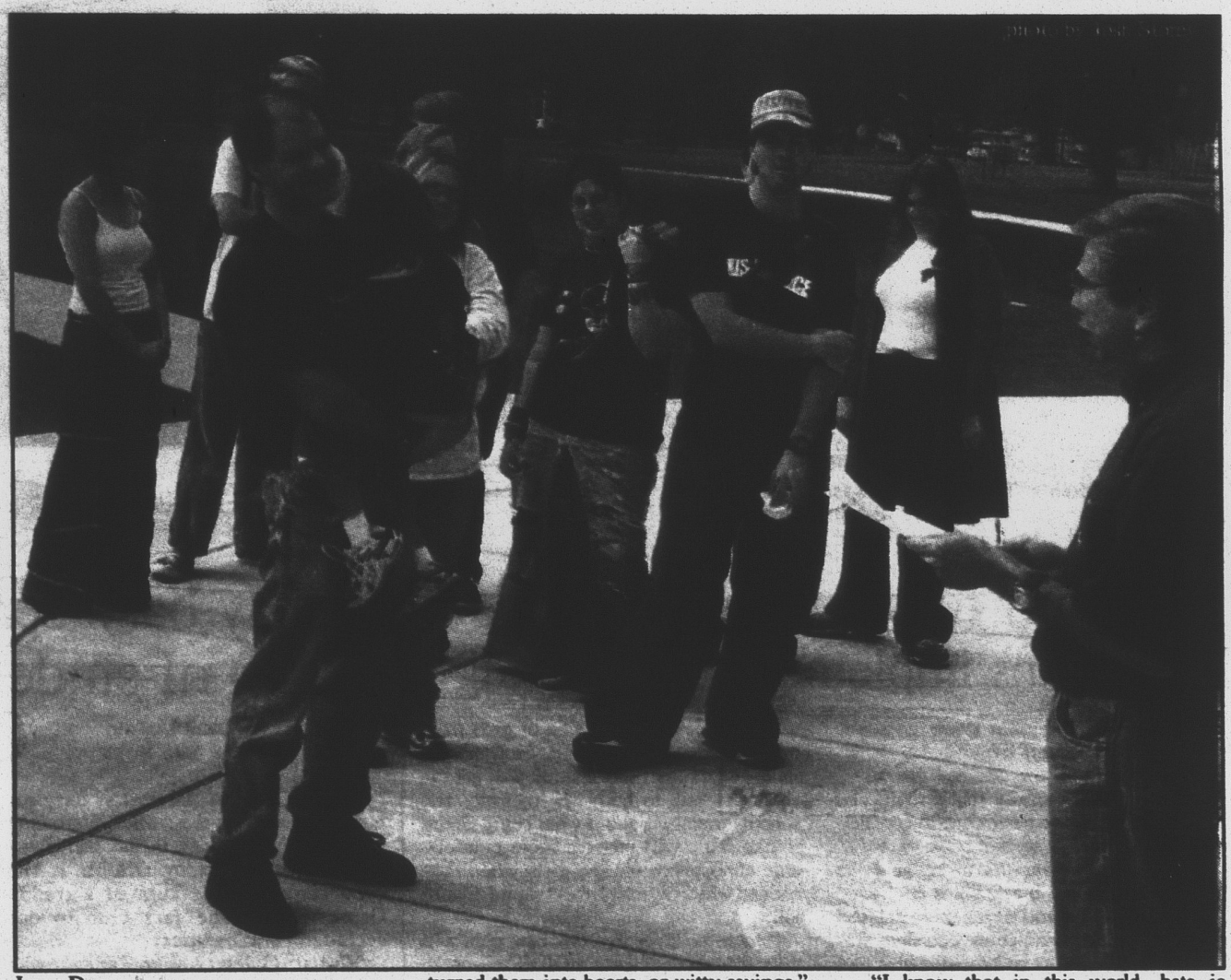

The fifth annual Jeans Day brought on displays of both hope and hatred last Thursday.

"The purpose of this day is for people on campus to wear jeans to support non-discrimination.," said Gwen Kennedy, president of Allies, in a campus wide e-mail.

Four years ago Westminster was rated one of the top five homophobic schools in the country by the Princeton Review. Today, it is not even on the top 20.

Students, faculty and staff who participated in this year's Jeans Day can be thanked for the change in attitude. "This is a day to show that we are united in stopping discrimination on the campus of Westminster." said Kennedy.

Allies, a gay-straight student alliance, sponsored a rally in front of McKelvey at 12:30.

English professor Elizabeth Ford spoke at the rally. "Jeans are very American," Ford said. She went on to point out the apropriateness of wearing jeans to support diversity. "We want to be better than a country where people are opressed."

First year student Hilary Patrick agreed with Ford. "It's a way for people to express themselves, and its simple too."

Though the spotlight is normally thrown on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues, Allies tries to expand Jeans Day to involve all kinds of discrimination. "It means that no one should be discriminated against based on their gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation," Kennedy said.

"It's not just about homosexuality, its about discrimination," senior Alisa Locke said.

Students, faculty and staff mingled in front of the student center until 2 p.m. "I was heartened to see so many people on campus; students, faculty and staff supporting diversity...I am proud of them," said Neal Edman, dean of Student Affairs.

Not all students shared in the atmosphere of acceptance however. The night before, unidentified students defaced chalkings Allies members had done for Jeans Day.

Statements to "wear your jeans" were crossed out. Anti-chalking such as "God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve" and other more offensive phrases were also written on sidewalks.

The same evening, a seperate group of students retaliated agains the hate chalking. "I got a phone call telling me that people had chalked all over our jeans day chalking, so I grabbed my hoodie and my roommate and we ran outside," said junior Maggie Muir.

"We took the negative comments and turned them into hearts, or witty sayings," Muir added.

Sophomore Danielle Gorley helped remove the offensive words. "We dumped water on the chalkings and tried to make them as invisible as possible," Gorley said.

Both Kauleen Cloutier, junior, and Sara Baines-Miller, sophomore, were involved in the chalking clean up. "True, everyone is entitled to their own opinions. However, that does not in any way give on person the right to make another feel uncomfortable and or threatened," Cloutier said.

"I know that in this world, hate is everywhere around us but it really takes an ignorant and hate consumed person to actually vandalize the campus with such hate."

In a poem read during the 12:30 p.m. gathering, sophomore Elaine Blevins dubbed those who removed the messages "Chalk Angels." The important thing, according to Miller, was that students took time to mend the vandalization. "There were people who cared to go out in the middle of the night to fix, not erase, the hate," Baines-Miller said.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Children's Theater Tour performs Cinderella

by Leigh Ann Reynolds
Staff Writer

The Children's Theater Tour, sponsored by Alpha Psi Omega, is performing "Cinderella, Cinderella" in the chapel on Friday, October 17 at 7 p.m.

The group previously performed at Edgewood Primary Center for over 500 students.

This show is based on the original story of "Cinderella" and is modernized by the costumes and characters.

"I will be wearing overalls and a Texaco shirt," said sophomore Sara Baines-Miller, who plays the role of the Fairy Godmother.

Costumes are not the only non-traditional element in "Cinderella, Cinderella."

Over 30 kids will be brought on stage throughout the 40-minute production. Instead of mice, small groups of children come on to the stage to help Cinderella clean the house before the stepsisters return.

The children also help the absent-minded, kindhearted Fairy Godmother get Cinderella ready for the ball.

The Children's Theater Tour was founded this year by juniors Brent Rodgers and Justin Bryan and includes both Alpha Psi members and non-members.

The group travels to different elementary schools in the area and hopes to expand its audiences to students in Shaler and Seneca Valley Districts.

"Many schools don't give children the chance to pursue theatrical opportunities," said Rodgers.

"Alpha Psi feels that this gives the children an excellent introduction to the world of performing arts."

"One of the goals of Alpha Psi Omega is to promote theater within the community," said President Kauleen Cloutier, director of "Cinderella, Cinderella." "Being able to reach out to children while fulfilling that goal is just an added bonus."

The next show that the Children's Theater Troupe will be performing is "Jack and the Beanstalk." Baines-Miller will be directing the show. Auditions will be held later this semester.

Alpha Psi Omega currently has 30 members and encourages more students to become involved.

To join, students must earn a number of points. The points are earned from being involved with productions either artistically or technically.

photo by Lindsey Robertson

The cast of "Cinderalla, Cinderella" rehearses the famous shoe fitting scene.

Fraternity round robin cancelled, new plans implemented for spring

by Jennifer Rowe
Staff Writer

The annual fraternity round robin will be cancelled this semester due to conflicting schedules.

The round robin was to be held the weekend after fall break but it conflicted with other events and kept getting delayed until a final cancellation decision was made. During the round robin, a group of 30 to 40 independents travel to each fraternity house for about 45 minutes. While at the fraternity houses they engage in conversation in order to get to know each brother better. The point of this event is for independent men to get to know brothers from every fraternity so that they can make a more informed decision on which fraternity to rush with in the spring.

"I know when I was a freshman I didn't get around to all the houses until a year later," said junior Mike Dines.

Dines is the rush chair at Alpha Sigma Phi and also in charge of the round robin. He says that the round robins help show that fraternity brothers really do not compete against each other.

According to Dines, the round robin is still on the schedule for the spring, but the Inter-Fraternity Council would like to include the sororities. He thinks it is unfair that so many restrictions are put upon the girls and that their rush is so formal.

"There's no chance for them to just relax and talk to each other," Dines said.

In this new plan, groups of girls from every sorority will be at each house. Independent men and women will get the chance to talk to both the fraternity and sorority members about what being Greek is like. This will provide more comfortable atmosphere for the girls when they choose which sorority they would like to join.

Moore believes that this new plan will give independent girls another reason to go and meet the sororities. "I definitely think it was a good idea just to get more exposure," said Panhellenic President Amanda Moore.

There is concern that the cancellation of the round robin may impact independent men's interest in rushing a fraternity. They also may rush one fraternity without getting to know brothers from other fraternities.

"I don't know exactly how much it will directly impact things like pick ups and stuff, but it can't be a positive decision," said first-year Jason Mitchell.

Due to the cancellation of the round robin, fraternities are finding alternative means to meet independent students. For example, Theta Chi gathered with independents to watch the Steelers versus Browns game. Alpha Sigma Phi may also invite independents to their house for wings and football.

For more information on the fraternity fall rush events, keep an eye open for flyers posted in both Russell and Eichenauer resident halls.

Poetry bash serves as creative forum of student expression

by Isaac Ludwig
Senior Staff Writer

The Office of Diversity Services brought the "Roc-the –Mic" Slamming Jamming Poetry Bash to the McKelvey Club Room Wednesday, October 1. The event conveyed the aura of a trendy Greenwich village jazz club to our secluded rural campus.

Flutist Galen Abdur-Razzaq was accompanied by a stand up bassist and a jazz drummer.

The trio played original music and also gave students the opportunity to share their own written or spoken word compositions.

The open mic brought out a wide variety of poetry, rap and stories from the campus community.

Dr. David Swerdlow, Sam Seo, Kate Sweeney, Elaine Blevins, Sarah Kramer, Vera Dorosh, Fritz Julien, Rachel Lange, Sonya Cole, Colby King, George Austin, Randall Poindexter, Joselyn Parker, Kevin Scott, James Sharcot, and Jarrod Takah all had the chance to be a part of the extemporaneous reading/jam session.

"It was a great way to start off diversity for the 2003 school year," said senior Brian Murckson.

"I liked it because it allowed individuals to not only show their talent but speak what was on their mind," senior Damaris Wallace said.

Junior Sarah Kramer said, "It was amazing to hear everyone reading with such passion. Each piece was so different and unique."

"Joselyn's last poem moved me to tears. Hearing everyone's unique expressions of their life stories made me feel connected to each individual in the room. I felt like I tasted depth again after a dry spell in my life. We need to have more events of this nature on our campus," senior Rachel Lange said.

Dr. Swerdlow also expressed the desire to have more events of this nature. These events could possibly be a joint effort of Scrawl and the office of Diversity Services.

Galen Abdur-Razzaq is from Montclair, NJ who has performed both domestically and internationally for over thirty years.

A former student of the Berklee College of Music, Boston, Ma., and a graduate of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, Galen holds a master's degree in fine arts and education. He is an arranger, composer, director, educator, and writer.

More information on Galen can be found at http://www.flute-juice.com. Parker and Scott have also agreed to perform their spoken word on an upcoming Sunday night episode of Isaac's Rock Show, from 8-10 on 88.9 FM.

Food advisory board takes active role to improve dining

by Erin Gray
Staff Writer

Westminster's Food Advisory Board plans to take a more noticeably active role to improve the student dining experience on campus this year.

The Food Advisory Board, led by the Student Government Association Treasurer, Kristen Kulick, will work with Sodexho, Westminster's food service provider, to implement some important changes. "Basically we plan to get the students to voice their opinions," said Kulick.

Eight members serve on the board this year, including Ken Jae, Sara Camerota, Julie Lechner, Colby King, Bob Allen, Colter McElree, Matt Boccardi and Nicole Udanis. The board has also invited two representatives from each campus organization to attend meetings and offer suggestions.

The group works closely with Sodexho's Dining Service General Manager, Jeff Creveling, and in cooperation with Westminster's Business Manager Don Shelenberger. "They're both open-minded and both are willing to change for the students," said Kulick. Both men attend the monthly meetings.

This is not the board's first year in existence, but according to Kulick, it is the first year suggestions have been welcomed so receptively. "I think it's because a lot of students are expressing concern," said Kulick.

The nutritional value of the food served on campus is a major concern. "I wish the food had less grease and fat and more nutrition," said sophomore Lauren Stang. Others would like to know more about the food they are served. "I think they need to put nutritional facts on everything they serve," said junior Mary Strohecker.

Over the past few years the Food Advisory Board has made some significant changes including offering a larger variety of dinners at the Orchard Street Café. The board was also involved in changing the meal plans to include an unlimited number of guest meals, instead of the previous limit of five.

Major changes take place slowly. Kulick said that it will usually take six months to one year to put a significant change into effect. Creveling said that major changes often involve working with Sodexho's contract with the school, so a particular change may have to wait for the following school year. Small modifications, however, could be implemented as quickly as the next day.

"Jeff takes notes on everything we say. He tells us what's realistic and what's not. He tries to explain why. He has to go through the school," Kulick said.

Creveling wants to know whom the suggestions are coming from. E-mails from students help him to understand the wants and needs of the student body. "He wants to know names; he wants to see faces. He wants to know that a large group of students are interested, not just the senators from SGA," said Kulick.

Many students are unaware that food purchased from outside vendors is not permitted in McKelvey Campus Center. This rule mostly effects campus organizations that might want to bring in food, such as pizza or wings, for their meetings.

Creveling stated that the policy is not in place right now, but he wants to work with student groups to put it into practice. "We really want to find out what the needs of the student organizations are," said Creveling. He advises that organizations should check with him in order to start working to better understand the organizations' needs.

Sodexho welcomes any suggestions. "We really like getting feedback. The best way to help us is to let us know what you want," said Creveling. Comment cards are a key means to voice an opinion or suggestion. Creveling also recommend that students e-mail or stop him or one of the other managers to voice recommendations. Students can also attend any Food Advisory Board meeting.

If any student would like to attend a meeting he or she can contact Kristen Kulick via campus e-mail. Kulick stated, "Any student can attend if they contact me. That's why I tried to contact different student organizations, so all students on campus would get a chance to voice their opinions."

Campus prepares for Homecoming 2003

by Laura Zorch
Staff Writer

Homecoming draws alumni to campus, allows students to parade through New Wilmington and includes a coronation of a King and Queen. This weekend's celebration anticipates the same festivities.

However, along with the traditional Homecoming staples, this year's event brings a little

extra to the table. The dinner table. The Student Government Association will sponsor a dinner dance in

the McKelvey Campus Center on Friday night. Everyone is invited to the dinner, which costs five dollars per person or nine dollars a couple.

Slate Atkins will serve up the food at this new event. Russ Mills, vice president of SGA, encourages students to attend. "The food will be good, no one will leave hungry," he said.

After satisfying their appetites, students will need a place to burn off the calories. Homecoming weekend will open the door to the Majorie A. Walker Recreation Center at 6 p.m. in Old 77 on Friday night. Walker spent 31 years as a coach,

teacher, and administrator for physical education here at Westminster. The new facility includes numerous elliptical machines, bikes and treadmills, all to get the heart pumping.

Alumni will be drawn to the dedication, along with other activities planned for the weekend. "It is always great to see others who have graduated back on the campus," said SGA Financial Chair Amanda Moore. The class of 1953 will celebrate its 50th reunion throughout the weekend.

Kicking off the festivities on Saturday, the annual parade will start at 10:30 a.m.

"I am so excited to see all the hard work and dedication, in float form, that the sororities and fraternities put into the parade," sophomore Phi Mu Stephanie Spinelli said.

"Medieval Times" is the theme for the parade. Knights, princesses and dragons are to be expected. The class of '53 will judge the floats.

At 1:30 p.m., the Titan football team will battle Thiel sans swords. Hoping for a victory on Homecoming, the Titans have a current record of 1-3.

Halftime brings about the crowning of Homecoming King and Queen. Junior Jaime Carter, Sigma Kappa's candidate, is excited to be on the Homecoming Court this year. "I am very honored to be on court. The other nominees are so wonderful and I am just excited to be a part of such a great group of people!"

Seniors Jess Young and John Libert, the previous Queen and King, will hand over their crowns to the new royalty. Representatives from each sorority and fraternity, along with two independent nominees, vie for the honor of being this year's King and Queen.

Libert eased the anxiety of the man who takes his crown.

"For as tall as I am, I really don't have all that big of feet, which is a good thing for the Homecoming King candidates, because that means they won't have as big as shoes to fill," Libert said.

SGA holds "Time of Month," listens to ideas, concerns

by Sara Ialongo
Staff Writer

On Sept. 23 in the Orchard Street Café, three Student Government Association senators sat at the suggestion box while students and faculty came to "rag" on campus issues. This was SGA's first-ever "Time of the Month."

The purpose of Time of the Month is to open up student communication with the SGA so that concerns can be met effectively. "We've been noticing lots of problems and want to open the lines of communication with the students," said SGA Judicial Chair Jessica Rummel.

Students who wanted to express their problems or ideas came to the table from 5-6 p.m. The process is quick: you write down your name and then your complaint. Rummel reads each complaint and responds accordingly. "For smaller issues, I'll send out a personal e-mail, but if there's something that's affecting many students, I'll send a campus-wide email to explain the problem and possible solution," Rummel said.

SGA received approximately 30 complaints last month, the majority concerning food, computer hours and various issues with the campus center. The ongoing computer lab hours and login issue was addressed in a campus-wide email on Sept. 30. Rummel explained the reason for the issues and possible solutions.

Christy Atkins, SGA president, strongly supports this monthly opportunity for the students. "I think Time of the Month is an excellent opportunity for students to voice their campus concerns directly to SGA," she said.

Junior Jaime Carter was at the suggestion box and to complain because she knew the right people would hear her opinion. "Students don't know who to talk to and having a set time to come and voice our concern in great," Carter said.

Many students enjoyed the opportunity to say what's been bothering them. Junior Jollene Weister came to complain about the milk supply in the Orchard Street Café. "They don't sell cartons of milk larger than a single serving, so now I have to go to Wal-Mart to get my milk," she said.

This monthly activity is giving the senators a chance to answer important questions and offer perso

nal feedback for each individual student. "I've seen a lot of changes and improvements from this slate," Carter said. "I think our opinions will definitely be heard."

The next chance to complain about what's been bothering you is on Oct. 21 from 5 - 6 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Sorority fights breast cancer on Oct. 26

by Christy Sitter
Staff Writer

Zeta Tau Alpha's Shoot for the Cause basketball tournament will take place at the Memorial Field House on Sunday, October 26.

Shoot for the Cause is sponsored by the sorority and benefits the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer foundation. This year, the Zetas are hoping to draw as many people as possible to play in the tournament, so individuals outside the campus are encouraged to take part in this event as well.

"All of us in Zeta are hoping that this event will give us an opportunity to meet with people in the community and educate them further about breast cancer," said senior fundraising chair Dana Sherman. "With all of our efforts, we hope to help the foundation in its fight against breast cancer."

The tournament will begin at 11 a.m. and the winner will be determined by 7 p.m. Teams of three can register for the cost of five dollars per person at the Orchard Street Café or the cafeteria until October 24.

The tournament will be the main attraction of this event, but for those who are not basketball players, there will be many other ways to get involved. A Chinese auction will also be taking place, and all of the participating campus organizations will have their own game or activity for people of all ages.

"We really appreciate all of the support we have received from other campus organizations and hope that this year will be a success," said Fundraising Chair Julie Stolze.

The bake sale will be a convenient way to pick up something to munch on while checking out all of the activities. There will be a "Wall of Hope" put together by Zeta sister Kelly Hope to honor cancer survivors. There is no charge to attend this event, but all proceeds will benefit the philanthropy.

Your Student Government Association

by Erin Halpin
Contributing Writer

President Christy Atkins gave an overview to the Senate of all the accomplishments of SGA to date. Nineteen objectives have been accomplished so far this semester, and it is only October! SGA has been working really hard this year to improve things for the students.

In order to improve the food on campus, the Food Advisory Board will be meeting later this month. SIFE, Rotaract, and the Newman Club will be the first organizations invited to the meeting. If you have anything you would like brought up at the meeting, write to sga@westminster.edu.

The Academic committee has been working with President Williamson on a memorial for Dr. Sharkey. We are hoping to name the history book section of the library after Dr. Sharkey.

Judicial chair Jess Rummel attended the New Wilmington borough meeting on Monday, where she learned that a coffee shop will be opening up next to the Golden Dawn. No details were given on the coffee shop, only that it was approved by the borough to be opened. The Judicial Board will be looking into having the toilet paper dispensers in the campus center raised, in order to accommodate larger/taller people. Thanks to Drew Huston's article in the Holcad and the Judicial Board, salads are being considered meals now, and you can get a drink with your salad. Hopefully, some more changes will follow. The squeaky wheel does get the grease!

Homecoming is this week. Make sure you sign up for the dinner/dance, which will be on Friday, October 17th. There will also be Powder Puff football in the afternoon. Girls, make sure you get a team!

The college is looking into shortening Christmas break, which will allow us to finish school earlier. This idea is still being discussed, so I will keep you posted on its status.

A new senator was elected this week, sophomore Kim Clute. Congratulations, Kim!

That is all for your SGA this week. Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 15th, at 7pm in the McKelvey Theater. You are welcome to attend. Please contact us at sga@westminster.edu if you have any questions or comments. Have a great weekend!

Mock Convention offers students look into world of politics

by Mary Huebert
Staff Writer

Free t-shirts, crazy outfits, news reporters, heated debates and a famous speaker will be at Westminster's 2004 Mock Convention, but will you?

The executive committee members hope so, as they begin recruiting for the convention to be held Feb. 5 and 6. The executives are looking for people to perform the roles of campaign managers, state chairs, and state delegates.

"Since the convention is only held once every four years, students only get one chance to participate," said junior Jessica Bevan, a member of the convention's public relations committee. "I hope people take advantage of the event."

The convention is the second-oldest event of its kind in the country. Since 1936, they have been held every four years except in 1944 because of WWII. The convention, which is entirely student run, is held to nominate a candidate for president and vice-president for the party not currently in power.

An executive committee of 24 students was selected last year to help head the convention. This committee has chosen five candidates to compete for the presidential nomination of the Democratic Party: General Wesley Clark, Governor Howard Dean, Congressman Richard Gephardt, Senator John Kerry, and Senator Joseph Lieberman.

Campaign managers are to design and implement a campaign to promote each of their candidates. The goal of each campaign is to win the Democratic presidential nomination.

"We are looking for five really committed people who have an interest in politics," said junior Russ Mills, a campaign manager coordinator. "Managers will each get a $500 budget to work with to promote their candidate."

Mills and junior Jessica Rummel, also a campaign manager coordinator, think the campaign manager position has many personal benefits. "The campaign manager position will give students political experience," Mills said. "It offers a simulation of a real political campaign and will look great on a resume."

Students who do not want to be campaign managers but would still like to be involved with the convention can serve as state chairs or state delegates. State chairs help recruit state delegates and organize the state's presence at the convention.

"Being a state chair will be a good experience for anyone who would like to gain insightful knowledge of political activities," said senior Jackie Pusztay, credentials committee member.

State delegates act under the leadership of the state chairs. They represent their state by demonstrating enthusiasm and by voting during the convention.

Both state chairs and delegates are encouraged to dress-up in clothes appropriate for the state they represent. At previous conventions, Hawaiian delegates have worn grass skirts and sunglasses, Texas delegates have worn cowboy hats and boots, and Wisconsin delegates have worn cheese hats.

"Soon we will be e-mailing a state chair application to all students," said Heidi Kimmel, credentials committee member. "As soon as state chairs are picked, students can be signed up as delegates."

All Inquiry students are required to participate in the convention, either as state chairs or as delegates. Dr. Andrea Grove has agreed to act as Idaho's state chair, a position always held by a faculty member.

Students interested in participating in the convention should contact junior Greg Smith, director of the executive committee, at smithgj@westminster.edu.

Campus briefs from the digital 88.9 newsroom

Homecoming festivities

Westminster's homecoming festivities kick off Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Power Puff Football game scheduled in the quad. Meanwhile fraternities, sorieities and other campus organizations are busy working on their homecoming floats. This year's theme is Medieval Times. The homecoming parade heads down Market Street at 10:30 Saturday. The Titans take on the Theil Tomcats at 1:30 at Memorial Field. Then during half-time of the game college officials will crown homecoming King and Queen.

Marge Walker Rec Center Dedication

A dedication ceremony is scheduled this week for the Marge Walker Recreation Center in Old 77. The formal dedication takes place on Friday at six o'clock. The new rec center includes a dance studio and a state of the art aerobic workout facility—featuring stationary bikes, treadmills and stair climbing machines. The center's wired for video so you can watch TV while you workout. College officials will honor retired professor Marge Walker—she served an instructor and coach at Westminster during her more than 30 years with the faculty.

Vigil For Domestic Violence Victims

Volunteers from the Lawrence County Crisis Shelter say they'll take time this week to remember the victims of domestic violence—organizers say they'll hold a vigil on Thursday at the First Christian Church in downtown New Castle. The vigil is part of the Crisis Shelter's efforts to raise awareness as October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Chalk Talk Against Jeans Day

Campus security confirms a report of anti-Jeans Day chalk talk on campus sidewalks.

Security says Galbreath residents called them late Wednesday night about some negative scribbling on the sidewalk there. Students in the residence hall made the effort to wash away the chalk scribbling. Campus police say they anticipate the possibility of some backlash and associated with events like Jeans Day. They also say it is possible that the campus could see more of this kind of activity as Theater Westminster gears up for the Laramie Project. That controversial play deals with the murder of Matthew Sheppard and the issue of homophobia in America.

Police Meet With Frat About Arrests & Complaints

Borough Police say they're working with fraternities like Sigma Epsilon to cut down on the number complaints and problems from frat parties. The police chief says his department made 15 arrests last month involving students and non-traffic offenses. These arrests occurred during and after parties. Police also investigated nearly 20 complaints about parties—complaints that ranged from disorderly conduct to excessive noise. Chief Carmen Piccirillo says he wants to work with leaders of Sig Ep. One suggestion—identify the trouble makers and ban them from future frat events.

We'll Always Have The Lube

Gone are the days patrons would hang out at the Hot Rod Café in Sharon. The owners blame declining business for this week's shutdown of the Hot Rod. The people who operated the Hot Rod also operate the Quaker Steak and Lube in Sharon.

New Campus Chaplain Named

A Butler County minister will become Westminster's next Chaplin. Campus officials have named Reverend James R. Mohr II to the position. He joins Westminster from Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church in Butler. Mohr will officially begin his Chaplin duties at Westminster in mid-November.

New Plan for Old Main

Improvements and upgrades are in the works for Westminster's signature building and for McGill Library. President Tom Williamson says Old Main will see new wiring and air conditioning under Westminster's new four-year capital improvements plan. It's part of a multi-million dollar fundraiser underway. Williamson says the 70-year old wiring inside Old Main is long overdue for replacement. Williamson also says the four-year plan calls for the installation of air conditioning and other upgrades at McGill Library. The money for these projects will come from fundraising. The president stresses any construction comes from capital improvements and fundraising—it does not come from tuition.

Westminster's Money Man To Retire

The man in charge of the money at Westminster will step down next June. Campus officials say the Vice President of Finance— Bill Birkhead—will retire at the end of the fiscal year. He has served the college for 17 years. Birkhead has headed up key committees in several campus construction projects including the new campus center.

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Cranberry Township suffers severe damages from tornado

CRANBERRY, Pa. (AP) A line of thunderstorms rolled across Western Pennsylvania yesterday, packing 60 mph winds that tore the roofs off buildings, downed trees and utility poles and left thousands of people without power.

Most of the damage appeared to be centered in Cranberry and southern Butler County, particularly around the Cranberry Mall and a residential neighborhood in the township where several homes were extensively damaged. Cranberry Township officials declared a state of emergency.

At one point last evening, more than 12,000 customers of Allegheny Power and Duquesne Light were without electricity, but crews restored power to about a third of them shortly after the storm passed through.

"It was just like you think it'd be, the wind roaring, glass breaking and, a minute later, half my house is gone," said Sharmon Paris as she stood trembling in the rain on the driveway of her home on Meadow Drive in Cranberry's Fox Run neighborhood, where the worst of the damage occurred.

Debris was strewn in every direction. Clothing dangling from tree tops; branches tossed like twigs in yards and across roads; vinyl siding bent like ribbon around decks.

The damage appeared to be concentrated on three streets in the neighborhood off Rowan Road: Fox Run Road, Wheatfield Drive and Meadow Drive.

Paris said she was getting ready to leave the house to meet her husband, Steve, and was looking for an umbrella when she caught a glimpse out her window of her husband's utility trailer blowing across the driveway.

"I couldn't believe it," she said.

At the same time, she felt pressure in her ears and began to hear a roar and the sound of glass shattering.

She and her 23-year-old daughter sought cover in a bathroom. When they emerged a few minutes later, she saw that the side wall of her house had been blown away.

And just beyond a neighbor's back yard, another house was still standing but had no roof.

As bad as it looked, no one was hurt.

"It's a miracle," said Mikki Rock of Wheatfield Drive, who lives next to the house that lost its top.

Dave Kovach, Cranberry police sergeant and public information officer, reports of heavy winds damaging several buildings in the Cranberry Mall began coming in about 5 p.m.

Among businesses that were heavily damaged were a PNC Bank and Dunkin' Donuts at the mall and King's Jewelry and Party City in the Cranberry Shoppes. Kovach said no one suffered any major injuries but at least four people were being treated for minor cuts and bruises.

Kovach said power and gas had been cut off to most of the businesses in the major commercial corridor of Routes 19 and 228.

A construction trailer at a Bed, Bath and Beyond being built at the mall was destroyed and blown against the building. The store was damaged as well.

A portion of the roof of King's Jewelry was dislodged and blown in a mangled heap to the edge of Route 19.

"I'm just thankful we didn't get hurt," said Courtney Adamek, a sales clerk at the jewelry store. "It happened so fast. Two windows at the side the building blew out, and I was thrown to the floor, as well as two customers I was serving."

Baskets were strewn across the parking lot and a mailbox was lifted from the front of a nearby store and blown to the rear of the lot. On a side street near the plaza, utility poles were down and power lines fell across the street.

At Party City, the front entrance was blown out and part of the ceiling collapsed and merchandise was scattered throughout the store.

Terry Parrish, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, said the high winds were produced by a cold front that moved into the area, pushed by a low pressure system over the Great Lakes. The high winds were expected to continue through the night and into today.

The storm hit the Fox Run neighborhood as Mikki Rock was watching the TV news.

"All of a sudden, everything started to shake," said Rock. "I tried to look out the front window but the rain was coming so hard I couldn't see anything. Then I heard glass breaking and my 13-year-old son was screaming," she recounted.

It was over as fast as it came. She stepped outside and looked at her own house. A couple of windows were cracked. But, when she saw the house next door, its roof was gone.

"My first thought was 'Are they home?' Thank God, they weren't," she said.

Jeff Gentile, owner of the Dunkin' Donuts shop, said the vehicles of two customers were damaged when a tree fell on one and heavy winds lifted the other against the building.

"It was very scary, probably the scariest I've ever been in," said Kevin Eldridge, who had stopped with his coworkers for coffee.

Guy Fletcher, a spokesman for Allegheny Energy, said about 10,000 customers lost service from storm damage. Power was restored to about 4,000 last night. Crews were still working to restore service to about 6,400 others.

Also without power were about 2,500 homes and businesses in Beaver County and in western Allegheny County, said Duquesne Light spokesman Joe Balaban. Most of those who remained without power were in Moon, Findlay, and the Beaver County communities of South Heights and Hopewell, he said.

Balaban said he was not sure when their service would be restored because weather forecasts called for more high winds overnight that were likely to cause more outages.

—Regional Briefs

Former school band director accused of rape

MANSFIELD, Ohio (AP) A 32-count indictment unsealed on Tuesday accuses a former school band director of raping children younger than 13 and supplying pornography to children.

Richland County Sheriff's Sgt. Jeff McBride said at least six children are involved in the allegations against Kevin Kohler, 39, of Norwalk.

Authorities began investigating him in July after accusations surfaced that he had inappropriate conversations with children by telephone and computer and sent pornography to them over the Internet.

Kohler has resigned as the Madison Junior High School band director and director of the freshman band. He also had worked as an assistant band director at Madison Comprehensive High School. He worked for the district for nine years.

He has been in jail on a rape charge since Aug. 1.

Defense attorney Josh Brown said on Tuesday that his client would maintain his innocence.

The charges accuse Kohler of sexual conduct with students between November 1999 and July 2003. The most serious charges carry a life prison sentence.

Man arrested by officer posing as teen in chat room

CARNEGIE, Pa. (AP) A man had a box of condoms, a bottle of alcohol and a camera on his vehicle's front seat as he drove to meet a supposed 14-year-old girl who turned out to be a police officer posing as a teenager in an Internet chat room, police said.

Police in Carnegie, a suburb of Pittsburgh, arrested Vladmir Kashparovskiy, 30, of Philadelphia, outside an office park on Sunday morning. He was charged with criminal solicitation to commit corruption of a minor and was being held in the Allegheny County Jail on Tuesday on $25,000 bond.

Authorities said Kashparovskiy corresponded with Carnegie police Detective Tom Oros in September in a chat room as Oros pretended to be a teenage cheerleader.

Kashparovskiy remained in custody and it was not immediately clear whether he had an attorney.

Former campaign treasurer admits to fraud

CINCINNATI (AP) A former campaign treasurer for Rep. John Boehner admitted Tuesday that he stole $617,562 in contributions over about nine years to support his gambling habit.

Russell E. Roberts, 36, of Fairfield, took the money from the Friends of John Boehner campaign committee, according to amended campaign finance reports filed in April with the Federal Election Commission.

Roberts tried to cover up the theft by claiming the money went to operating expenses and that records had been destroyed by a flood, federal investigators said.

Roberts pleaded guilty in federal district court to charges including interstate transportation of stolen property. He could be sentenced to up to 15 years in prison.

Boehner, a Republican, is in his seventh term representing the 8th Congressional District in southwest Ohio.

Kangaroo dies, Pittsburgh Zoo closed for investigation

PITTSBURGH (AP) The walk-through kangaroo exhibit at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium will be closed while officials await tests on a dead kangaroo.

The tests are to determine whether the animal, which died Oct. 4, had a disease that can be transmitted to humans, like avian tuberculosis. Zoo spokeswoman Rachel Capp said Tuesday that officials don't believe the animal was infectious, but they want to be sure.

The tests are expected to take two to six weeks to complete, Capp said

The 14-year-old female kangaroo was old for a species whose members generally live only into their mid- or late-teens. The kangaroo had already been off exhibit for three weeks before she died, because the animal was being treated for another medical problem unrelated to her death, Capp said.

As a result, the kangaroo likely didn't even have contact with the public while she was ill, Capp said.

The zoo is open every day, but the Kid's Kingdom section - where children can pet or see some animals up close - generally is only open on weekends at this time of year, when crowds are large enough to justify the extra staff in that section.

NATIONAL

Murder suspect climbs down rope of bedsheets to escape jail

DALLAS, Pa. (AP) A murder suspect who escaped from jail by climbing down a rope of bedsheets spent his first full day in confinement Tuesday following his recapture, with his new quarters described as a "prison within a prison."

Hugo Selenski's new maximum-security cell has no windows - and when he's outside that cell he'll be under escort and in handcuffs.

"It's kind of like a prison within a prison," George Matthews, spokesman for the State Correctional Institution in Dallas, said Tuesday.

Dallas is about 10 miles north of Wilkes-Barre and the Luzerne County Correctional Facility from which Selenski escaped Friday.

Selenski surrendered to authorities Monday night at his rural home, where five bodies were found in June. He has been charged with murder in two of the deaths.

Also Tuesday, county commissioner Stephen A. Urban said Selenski took advantage of a botched repair job in shimmying down the bedsheets from the cell window.

Repairs were made to the seventh-story window after a 1989 escape attempt, but two panes of the window were easily broken out because they were too small and secured only with caulking, Urban said.

"They just weren't the right size to be secured," said Urban, a member of the county prison board who inspected the cell Monday.

Selenski and cellmate Scott Bolton broke out during a two-hour period when the inmates are allowed out of their cells to socialize. Four guards in the area didn't notice when they walked into another inmate's unoccupied cell and removed the window. Bolton fell during the attempt and is hospitalized.

Selenski, 30, met Tuesday with his attorney for about 20 minutes but could talk to him only by telephone on opposite sides of a clear plastic barrier.

Attorney Demetrius Fannick said Selenski was convinced that the phones were being monitored and didn't reveal anything about his three days on the run.

On Monday, Fannick called authorities to arrange his client's surrender at Selenski's home outside Wilkes-Barre. Fannick said Selenski waited for his girlfriend, Christina Strom, to leave the house before he entered.

Strom on Tuesday told The Associated Press that she didn't have any contact with Selenski while he was out. She said she learned of his surrender while at a restaurant Monday evening.

"He would not have come here, knowing I was here, because he didn't want to get me in trouble," she said.

Prison guards charged with altering surveillance footage

CATLETTSBURG, Ky. (AP) A prosecutor claims that someone tampered with videotape recorded by surveillance cameras in the Boyd County Detention Center the night that an inmate was brutally beaten.

Chad Ray Boggess, 27, of Cross Lanes, W.Va., died after more than three weeks in a coma.

Commonwealth's Attorney J. Stewart Schneider said in a court document Monday that he plans to introduce the altered videotape in the murder trial of Marty Johnson, 29, of Flatwoods, scheduled for Feb. 16.

Court documents filed last week allege that Johnson, a paramedic, admitted to FBI agents that he placed a riot baton on the inmate's neck on at least three occasions the night of the March 16, 2002, incident.

Former deputy jailers Douglas Raybourn, 33, and Matthew Daniels, 31, face charges of first-degree assault for allegedly beating Boggess.

Johnson faces 20 years to life in prison if convicted. Raybourn and Daniels, both of Ashland, face sentences of 10 to 20 years.

Schneider said in the document that the surveillance video is of a conversation, without audio, among Daniels, Raybourn and Boggess on the night of the beating. He said it shows a deliberate alteration of the tape.

The document does not specify how the tape was altered or who allegedly tampered with it.

Schneider said he also plans to introduce video excerpts of Boggess being booked at the jail on March 12, 2002, and a videotape recorded by Catlettsburg Assistant Police Chief Dean Akers of Boggess in King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland on March 18, 2002.

Boggess, who had been jailed on a burglary charge, died in the intensive care unit at the hospital after 26 days in a coma. His death certificate lists the cause of death as complications from positional and mechanical asphyxia and also states that his death was the result of homicide.

Positional asphyxia occurs when the position of the body interferes with a person's ability to breathe, and mechanical asphyxia means that pressure was applied to the person's neck.

A grand jury alleged in an indictment that Johnson caused Boggess' death by wantonly asphyxiating him.

In court documents filed last week, Schneider said he intends to prove that the manner in which Johnson allowed Boggess to be transported to the hospital compromised the inmate's ability to breathe, and that Johnson used a riot baton to apply pressure to Boggess' neck, strangling him.

Johnson, Daniels and Raybourn all are free on bond.

Bob Price, a former deputy jailer, pleaded guilty in May to a federal aggravated assault charge and was sentenced to five years in prison.

National Briefs

Bodies found by divers in underwater carwreck

DISNEY, Okla. (AP) Two divers searching for fishing equipment found a sunken car containing human remains Tuesday afternoon, authorities said.

The skeletal remains, including what is thought to be a human skull, were seen in the front seat and floor board of a 1991 Oldsmobile Cutlass, Lt. Patricia Knowles of the Mayes County Sheriff's Office said.

A black handbag containing three forms of identification belonging to two adult males and one female also was inside, officials said.

No identities were released.

The divers, Herman Stinnett and Fred Deason, notified the Lake Patrol of their grisly discovery shortly after 2 p.m.

Grand River Dam Authority Lake Patrolman Steve Henry said Stinnett and Deason were hired to recover some fishing equipment that had been lost in Grand Lake.

They swam about 60 feet out from the shoreline at the Cherokee State Park boat ramp.

Knowles wouldn't speculate if the remains belonged to a Delaware County woman missing since 1998. Jo Ann Ellis was last seen at her parents home in Eucha July 13, 1998.

The Olds Cutlass recovered from Grand Lake matches the description of the one driven by Ellis when she disappeared.

"My opinion is it's not a suicide," Henry said.

Lewis of U.S. Most Wanted arrested

WASHINGTON (AP) One of the U.S. Marshals Service's 15 Most Wanted, fugitive Sidney Marvin Lewis, has been arrested after 13 years at large.

Lewis was arrested Thursday by Israeli National Police at a dive shop he operated in Eilat, Israel, a resort town on the Gulf of Aqaba, the U.S. Marshals Service announced.

Lewis was named in a three-count indictment in October 1989 on charges of conspiracy to import with intent to distribute more than 2,200 pounds of hashish.

According to court papers, Lewis bought and registered the seagoing vessel Lady Brigid and used it to import a shipment of hashish, estimated at 25 tons. The indictment says that he and his co-conspirators leased a docking facility on the Columbia River in Oregon, where the narcotics were off-loaded and moved to various locations in the region.

Lewis was arrested near Columbia City, Ore., in September 1989 after federal and Oregon authorities seized the hashish. He was held in Portland but was granted a holiday furlough to his home in Massachusetts a couple of months later. A court reversed the furlough release and set a new detention hearing for January 1990. Lewis didn't show up and remained a fugitive until his capture.

Deputy marshals in the District of Oregon and agents with the State Department's Diplomatic Security Service participated in the arrest.

College student killed at ATM machine in Brooklyn

NEW YORK (AP) A student from Fairfield University in Connecticut withdrew $20 from an automatic teller machine about two hours before he was found shot to death on a Brooklyn street, police said Tuesday.

Investigators learned about the withdrawal while searching for clues in the unsolved slaying of Mark Fisher, 19, of Andover, N.J.

Police officers responding to a report of shots fired found Fisher's body early Sunday in a quiet neighborhood south of Prospect Park. Fisher had been shot five times in the torso.

Witnesses told police that Fisher, who had gone home to New Jersey for the holiday weekend, was with friends Saturday night at The Bar Harbour, on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

The victim was last seen leaving the bar at 2 a.m. with a woman. They went to another Manhattan bar and planned to go to a party in Brooklyn. Fisher's body was discovered at 6:45 a.m.

No wallet or identification were found. But a receipt showed that Fisher had apparently withdrawn cash at 4:20 a.m. from a 24-hour convenience store ATM three blocks away.

Detectives said they found and questioned the woman but would not comment further.

Fisher was a sophomore in the university's Dolan School of Business and was active in intramural sports, a university spokeswoman said. He played for the university's football team last year.

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INTERNATIONAL

Serbs and Albanian leaders clash in first talk since 1999 war

VIENNA, Austria (AP) In the first face-to-face talks between Serbs and Kosovo Albanians since their 1999 war, rival leaders clashed Tuesday over the future of the ethnically tense Balkan province.

The symbolic U.N.-sponsored talks were supposed to avoid the contentious issue of Kosovo's future status: whether it will gain independence, as demanded by the ethnic Albanians, or remain a part of Serbia, as called for by the Belgrade leadership.

But Kosovo's ethnic Albanian leaders insisted Tuesday on outright independence, while Serbs rejected such plans. The ethnic rivals refused even a ceremonial handshake before the session started at the 19th century, Baroque-style headquarters of Austria's chancellor.

Since the end of the war, Kosovo - formally still a province of Serbia and Montenegro, the union that replaced Yugoslavia - has been administered by the United Nations.

"My country, Kosovo," wants to become a part of the European Union and NATO, Kosovo President Ibrahim Rugova told the gathering. "This means a democratic, peaceful and independent Kosovo."

"Independence of Kosovo is an irreversible process," added Nexhat Daci, the president of Kosovo's parliament. "Kosovo is prepared to achieve that at any price."

But in a strongly worded speech, Serbian Deputy Prime Minister Nebojsa Covic made it clear that the republic did not recognize Kosovo as anything more than "one of its parts."

"There can be no dialogue if it is not clear to everyone that we are not talking as representatives of two states," he said. "Instead of using this Vienna meeting for a dialogue on burning problems, Pristina officials keep on describing Kosovo as an independent state."

Serbia's prime minister, Zoran Zivkovic, said the three-hour meeting achieved little more than "that we sat at the same table."

In Washington, the State Department said "the U.S. considers this dialogue extremely important, and calls upon all sides to fully participate in this process."

The talks marked the first time the former foes met face-to-face since the war ended in June 1999, when a 78-day NATO bombing campaign halted former President Slobodan Milosevic's crackdown against independence-seeking ethnic Albanians.

The bloodshed left up to 10,000 dead and hundreds of thousands expelled, most of them ethnic Albanians. Milosevic is on trial at the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, for his part in atrocities in Kosovo and elsewhere in the Balkans in the 1990s.

When the war ended, some 200,000 Serbs and other minorities fled Kosovo, fearing revenge attacks by ethnic Albanian extremists. Only a few hundred returned and now live in isolated enclaves.

Zivkovic and other Serb leaders who ousted Milosevic in 2000 have pledged a peaceful resolution of the Kosovo problem, but have rejected independence for the province considered the medieval cradle of Serbia's statehood.

International mediators stressed that the final status of Kosovo will be determined by the U.N. Security Council, and that it was a major achievement just to bring the wartime foes to the negotiating table.

"Now, did anyone expect spectacular breakthrough, did we expect the whole agenda of these technical and difficult issues to be sorted out? Of course not," said Chris Patten, the head of the EU's external relations commission.

"But people got into the same room, they began addressing one another ... the most difficult step is always the first one," Patten said.

The Vienna talks were intended merely to pave the way for future negotiations on everyday issues burdening impoverished and war-ravaged Kosovo, such as energy, transportation, missing persons and the return of refugees.

Harri Holkeri, Kosovo's U.N. administrator, said that ethnically mixed commissions to deal with those issues will start meeting in Belgrade and in Kosovo's capital of Pristina in November.

NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson, EU security chief Javier Solana and other senior foreign officials attended Tuesday's session to act as "guarantors" for future negotiations, U.N. officials said.

Tuesday's meeting was seriously undermined by the absence of Kosovo Prime Minister Bajram Rexhepi, a key ethnic Albanian leader, who refused to participate because of his mistrust of Belgrade. Serbia's delegation also balked before agreeing to attend.

Russian serviceman killed in mine explosion in Chechnya

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia (AP) One Russian serviceman was killed in a mine explosion in Chechnya - an unusually small daily death toll in the four-year-old war - an official said Sunday.

A military jeep hit a land mine Saturday near the village of Shali, killing one serviceman and wounding another, an official in the pro-Moscow Chechen administration said.

Rebels attacked Russian positions 14 times over the past 24 hours, wounding seven troops, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Pro-Moscow Chechen police clashed with rebels on the outskirts of the capital Grozny, killing one rebel. One police officer was wounded in the fighting, the official said.

Two policemen were wounded when their car came under fire in Grozny's Leninsky district, the official said.

Cold temperatures in the mountains in recent days have slowed fighting in Chechnya. In addition, rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov ordered a slowdown in attacks in the days leading up to and following last week's Kremlin-sponsored presidential vote in the region, a rebel source said on condition of anonymity.

However, Russian detentions of suspected rebels did not appear to let up. At least 140 people were detained across Chechnya, the administration official said.

Such detentions are a major source of anti-Russian feeling in the region. Civilians say many young men are rounded up arbitrarily and that they often disappear in custody.

Chechnya's Kremlin-appointed administration chief Akhmad Kadyrov won more than 80 percent of the vote in the Oct. 5 presidential election. Rights groups claim fraud was rampant in the voting and questioned the official turnout of nearly 90 percent.

Russian forces have been fighting separatists in Chechnya since 1999, when troops returned following rebel raids on a neighboring region and a series of deadly apartment-house bombings in Russian cities. Before that, Russian forces fought an unsuccessful 1994-96 against the separatists that ended with a cease-fire and de facto independence for Chechnya.

International Briefs

Brazil bans genetically modified organisms

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) A southern state in Brazil has approved a law banning the import, planting and sale of genetically modified organisms.

Tuesday's move comes weeks after Brazil's federal government issued a provisional decree allowing farmers already in possession of genetically modified soy beans to plant and market them, overriding a ban in place since 2000.

The new measure, supported by Parana state Gov. Roberto Requiao passed in the legislature by a vote of 36 to 12.

The federal decree mainly affected farmers in Brazil's southernmost Rio Grande do Sul state, which neighbors Parana, where farmers have long been planting genetically modified soybeans smuggled in from Argentina.

The Parana state law bans the cultivation, manipulation, importation, industrialization and the sale of genetically modified organisms.

The state legislature, however, removed a clause that would have banned the transport of genetically modified organism across the state.

"If by 2006 there are scientific studies showing that it doesn't affect human food and doesn't harm the environment, there's no reason why we can't change the law," state legislator Elton Welter told reporters in Curitiba, 420 miles (680 kms) southwest of Rio de Janeiro.

Welter said the move was aimed at protecting the states' exports to European markets where genetically modified foods are widely frowned upon.

Taiwan denies donations to political campaign

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) Taiwan's government has denied any knowledge of donations from its territory to the political campaign of Costa Rican President Abel Pacheco.

In response to questions from congressional investigators, the Taiwanese Embassy said in a statement Tuesday that neither it nor the government in Taiwan knew of the reported donations.

A Costa Rican bank revealed in August that possibly illegal foreign donations from Taiwan went to Pacheco's 2002 presidential campaign. Pacheco has denied accepting the funds.

A congressional investigation into the donations found that about US$500,000 was provided to the governing Christian Social Union Party by two businesses in Taiwan, and investigators have asked Taiwan's embassy in San Jose for more information about the companies.

In the statement, the embassy expressed concern that events related to the alleged donations could damage "the relation of mutual confidence" between Taiwan and Costa Rica.

Hondurans protest government agreement

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) Thousands of protesters across Honduras blocked streets and burned tires Tuesday to demand the government not renew a debt-payment agreement with the International Monetary Fund.

The protests were launched by the left-leaning Political Block and Democratic Unification Party, and supported by 30,000 elementary and high school teachers, doctors, nurses and blue-collar workers who staged a one-day work stoppage. The demonstrations also caused massive traffic jams.

Groups across Latin America, including the Political Block and Democratic Unification Party, long have argued that countries pay too high of a price to meet IMF conditions, which call for governments to slim down their operations, including cutting back on social programs, in exchange for debt relief.

The protests came a day after representatives of the IMF arrived in the capital to see whether Honduras qualifies as a highly indebted poor nation, which could result in the organization forgiving $960 million of $4.4 billion in foreign debt.

Honduras thus far has failed to meet the terms of its 2001 IMF agreement, which required the country to reduce its fiscal deficit from 5 percent to 2.5 percent and to stabilize public spending. The agreement expired last December.

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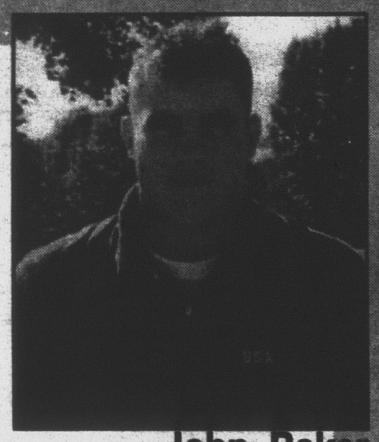

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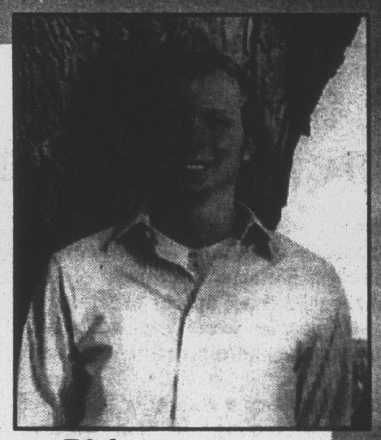

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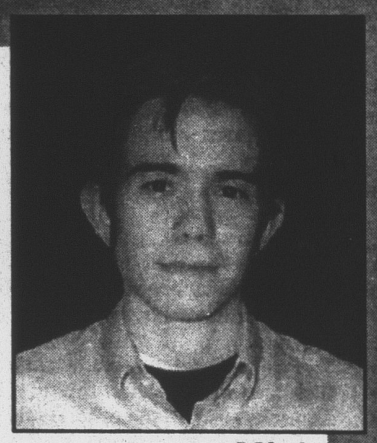

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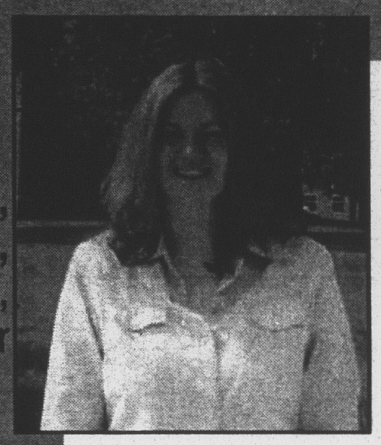

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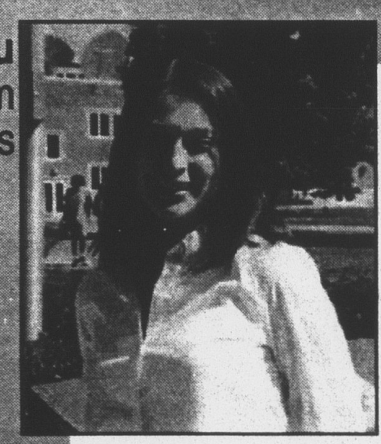

SPORTS

Monstrous weekend of college excitement

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

The Miami Hurricanes and Florida State Seminoles kick off an exciting weekend of college football.

Miami is coming off a very narrow escape last Thursday night against West Virginia. The defensive performance for Miami last week was very lackluster. The front seven is going to have to play solid this weekend, especially going up against FSU's power running game.

The sports media is claiming that the Florida State swagger is finally back. The dominating defense is here again, and so is the power running game. While all of that is true, here's a point that many analysts have failed to address: The Seminoles are undefeated at 5-0.

Their toughest game so far this year was at home against a 3-3 Georgia Tech team that is already 1-2 in the ACC Conference (the Seminoles won that game in the closing minutes of the 4th quarter 14-13). FSU has played great so far this year; no one can question that.

However, Florida State hasn't had that statement win this season, unlike Miami with their comeback win over Florida on September 6th.

Florida State is playing at home, they want payback from last year's Miami game, and the sports world has already declared victory for the Seminoles.

That's exactly why they are going to lose. Everyone has been telling Florida State how great they are this year. I think this is going to be similar to the Michigan situation we witnessed a few weeks ago. After their dominating win against Notre Dame, Michigan went on the road and lost to an Oregon team that they should've beaten.

Even though Florida State is at home, Miami is still the same old Miami. The key to the game is whether or not Miami's defensive front can hold Greg Jones in check. Some people say that Miami's defense is overrated.

Well, maybe they don't play great all the time, but they get the job done when it matters most. It's going to be another classic shootout, and it might even come down to a last-second field goal.

And as we all know, that doesn't bode well for Florida State.

In this year's annual Red River Shootout, Oklahoma's smothering defense will not let Vincent Young or Chance Mock make the big plays that could potentially cost Oklahoma.

The Sooners will force Texas to put together numerous drives in order for them to score points, something that Texas doesn't like to do. Oklahoma will win.

We are going to find out this Friday night whether or not the Minnesota Gophers are for real. Michigan is coming off a tough road loss to Iowa. They would be in a huge mess if they lose this game to Minnesota. It won't happen though. I like Michigan to win.

Auburn may finally be back. They've got a tough road test at Arkansas this weekend. I think the Razorbacks are in for a battle. Look for Auburn to pull out the victory.

Ohio State has a tough road test ahead of them this weekend at Wisconsin. Craig Krenzel is back however, and that should give the dismal Ohio State offense a jump-start. Look for the Buckeyes to win in a squeaker.

There are a few teams that need to be put on upset alert this weekend. Pitt is playing a very good Notre Dame football team (despite their record). It's going to be a close one at Heinz Field. Virginia Tech should be very worried about this weekend's game against Syracuse. Fortunately though, it's in Blacksburg. Also, Florida has the potential to knock off the sixth ranked Tigers of LSU.

Now, here's my upset special of the weekend: #7 Nebraska will fall at Missouri this weekend. Missouri's quarterback Brad Smith is sensational and with a win this Saturday, he could very easily lead Missouri to the Big 12 North title.

Steelers' demise spells end for "love of the game"

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

This is my gripe: As an avid Steelers' fan, my world came to an abrupt and crashing demise on Sunday evening. Yet, all things can be an awakening, right?—a learning experience so to speak.

The Steelers' futility embodies a microcosm of the world of professional athletics.

In our society, professional athletes are often elevated to standards of mythical proportion. And, as they should, I suppose, because after all, we, the common man, must be ever mindful that these are men (and in more modern times, women), who subject their bodies to games. We, the little people of society, must keep in mind that these are people employed to "play."

I detract nothing from the effort put forth by the Cleveland Browns. Yet, the Steelers, heavily favored, exuded none of that familiar swagger to which we've grown so accustomed to seeing. No, instead, the Steelers staggered in a miserable defeat to a team far less talented, yet seemingly better prepared and hungry.

Apart from Hines Ward, whose hustle and intensity breathes a certain freshness through the South Side, North Shore, and Downtown, the Steelers sucked on Sunday. There's no other way to put it, unless of course I'd insert a few four-letter words that would more adequately assess the Steelers' play.

You see, the Steelers' ineffectiveness on Sunday reflects everything that's wrong in the world of sport.

Consider Kobe Bryant, an NBA poster boy turned rapist.

Or, keep Ray Lewis in mind, a murderer turned NFL poster boy.

These are our heroes. This is who we aspire to be. In my column and in our society, they're paid to "play." It's growing exceedingly obvious that their "play" takes place beyond stadium bounds, foul lines, or basketball courts.

I shied away from a Westminster news story this week to chastise the likes of the Steelers, as well as Kobe Bryant, Ray Lewis, or that fouled mouth, over-the-hill psychopath Mike Tyson.

Today's athletes are as likely to appear in the police report as the box scores. In many ways, the world of sport reflects the American way of life. Sad, isn't it?

Yet, as I write this, Dan Patrick of ESPN celebrates the youthful exuberance of the Florida Marlins. The Marlins, as Patrick puts it, play their game as "children."

That's uplifting.

But, then there are the Steelers, who were crushed, and I mean crushed, by the "Cleve Brownies" for reasons far beyond the complexity of their game. The Steelers, with all their weaknesses, wield the greatest weakness of all in both sport and life: they lack heart.

In today's professional arena, albeit corporate, athletic, or politic, it's becoming tragically clear that few do.

Calendar of Events

Friday, October 17
HOMECOMING
Last Day to Change Incomplete Grades
Ring Day #2 — Orchard Street Café
3:00 pm Powder Puff Football Game & Picnic — Quad
3:00 pm Tea with the Books — McGill Library
4:30 pm Guest Lecturer, Dr. Julie DeLoia, '81 Westminster Grad — PLH
6:00 pm Dedication of the Marjorie A. Walker Recreation Center — Old 77
6:30 pm Citation Celebration Dinner — MCC Witherspoon
7:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega's Production: Cinderella — Chapel (an audience participation children's play of the fairy tale classic)

Saturday, October 18
HOMECOMING
Ring Day #3 — Orchard Street Café
10:30 am Parade — Theme: Medieval Times
11:30 am All-Alumni Picnic — Anderson Amphitheater
1:00 pm Pre-Game Activities — Memorial Field
1:30 pm Titan Football Kickoff vs. Thiel Tomcats — Memorial Field
6:00 pm Reunion Receptions and Dinners — Various Locations

Sunday, October 19
HOMECOMING
10:30 Worship Service — New Wilmington Presbyterian Church
3:00 pm Student Recital: Kate Miller, flute — Chapel
6:15 pm IFC Meeting
7:00 pm Poetry Bash — MCC Club and Lounge
8:00 pm Sigma Phi Epsilon Casino Night — MCC Club and Student Lounge
8:30 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – PH 311/312
8:30 pm Kappa Delta Meeting – MCC Witherspoon

Monday, October 20
PE2 Classes Begin (M,W)
5:15 pm Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
7:30 pm Organ Recital: Anna Marie Rigler – Chapel
9:00 pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting — MCC 352

Tuesday, October 21
12:45 pm Off-Campus Information Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
5:00 pm Psych Club — Phillips Lecture Hall
5:30 pm SAA Meeting
6:30 pm Mock Convention Meeting — MCC 255
8:00 pm Celebrity Series: Bob Newhart – Orr
8:30 pm Student Pre-Law Meeting – PH 231

Wednesday, October 22
11:30 am PRSSA Exec Meeting — MCC 352
11:40 am Faculty Forum: Elizabeth Harrison, Organ Program – MCC 219
11:45 am Black Student Union Meeting — MCC 255
5:00 pm Titan Traverse January Ski Trip Informational Meeting — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
5:30 pm PRSSA Meeting — PH 311
7:00 pm SGA Meeting – MCC 219
9:30 pm Seekers Fellowship — MCC Witherspoon Maple

Thursday, October 23
Noon to 6:00 pm All-Campus Blood Drive – New Wilmington Presbyterian Church Social Hall
6:00 pm College Republicans — TC 210
6:00 pm Seekers Core Team Meeting — MCC 253
7:00 pm Bleasby Colloquium: Andrew Ade, "Theater Voices in the Cinema of Jean Cocteau" – MCC 219
7:00 pm Circle K International Meeting — TC 210

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

What happened to weekly pierogie day?

Sitting here working, waiting for "The Remedy" to be played again.

It should not be this exciting to get a package from the mail room!

I hate the fall.

I stop by late at night to give a "rant & rave" and the information desk is still open...scary!

The TUB will NEVER be the Orchard Street Cafe!

Why does the Green Party use so much paper?

Can they update the weekly menu before Wednesday please?

Use my Rant and Rave.

I found Waldo!

It's not what you're getting, it's what you got, or never had.

When I say universe, I mean universe.

No really, I am so ridiculously happy about this package.

Since when do we live in the arctic?

Lets have theme days on 88.9.

Wouldn't it be nice if I didn't have to yell at my friends to have a conversation in the "Titan Tavern"?

Where are the soft pretzels in the TUB?

Yea for real toilet paper in the campus center!

Too many signs.

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinons.

Our View: Skeletons

It is said that there are three things you should never talk about with friends—money, politics and sex. Why should polite society forsake these sacrilegious topics? Probably because once you start talking about one, your conversation inevitably leads to the others. But it could also have something to do with differences of opinions, of which the most common are how much money we make, who we vote for and our sex lives (or lack there of).

Staying away from these topics is supposed to keep well-mannered people from insulting their friends. But there are more taboo topics than the above mentioned. After all, if you throw two or more people in a room, you are sure to get two or more opinions on the same topic. There are certain things everyone has in common though. For example:

Everyone has something they keep inside. Something they do not tell other people. Not necessarily secrets, just things that we do not say out loud. Sometimes they even keep it from themselves, locked away. Sometimes the thing is big, but most of the time it is small things we leave unsaid.

On the flip side, everyone has that friend. You know, the one who never shuts up. The one who likes to verbalize every thought that runs through his or her head. The friend who proclaims his or her opinions (in a loud, boisterous manner) whether you want to hear them or not.

If people did not express their views, we would all be stuck in an unchanging, static world of monotony.

Can you see the conflict coming?

Let's say you are a dog person. That is something relatively small and innocuous. You love all kinds of dogs: big ones, small ones, the kinds that shake a lot and yip like no body's business. But all of your friends happen to be cat people.

Not that they would really be offended at the fact you prefer canines over felines, but nonetheless you refrain from talking about dogs around them. The problem comes in when your friend, that one friend from paragraph four, keeps talking about how much better cats are. How they are cleaner, smarter and more self-reliant. All your other friends agree with him, because of course they are cat people.

Does this mean you should stop speaking your mind and everyone should keep their views to themselves? Maybe you are that fourth paragraph friend. Should you just keep your mouth shut and learn to appreciate the quiter side of life?

No. Without loud mouths everyone would sit around staring at each other. If people did not express their views, we would all be stuck in an unchanging, static world of monotony.

Just try to remember that your friend in the corner, eating her lunch without saying a word, might have something to say that you might not agree with. If you are friends, you should be able to accept that and listen to her opinion in a fair unbiased way.

After all, what are friends for?

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Letter to the Editors

Dear Editor,

I really thought that when I went off to college a year and a half ago, I would be included with a group of intellectually stimulating people who knew the difference between good and evil, hatred and love, bigotry and understanding. After the night prior to jeans day, I knew I had. For three and a half hours, a group of eight of us set out all over campus and erased and chalked over unbelievably hateful messages concerning Jeans Day and homosexuality in general, getting more appalled and extremely disappointed in the campus we love in the process.

Nevertheless, our disappointment faded when we woke up tired and sore the next day to see the majority of the campus in jeans. Yes, we realized there are still people on this campus who are so caught up with themselves that they couldn't realize the simple difference between the concept of discriminating against hate and discriminating against homosexuals. It doesn't matter if you condemn or condone the lifestyle – it's not what Jeans Day is all about. But explaining this difference is not the purpose of this letter. If you don't know the difference, maybe you don't belong here in such an elite school.

The purpose of this letter is to let those people, who hated themselves and the world so much that they had to take the time to go out late at night to write anti-Jeans Day messages all over campus, know that there are people out there who love as much as you hate; love always wins in the end.

Sincerely, and presumably on behalf of the rest of the "Chalk Angels,"

Sara Baines-Miller

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

Out of Time

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

In the post-Hitchcock time of filmmaking, finding a thriller that is well made and not a gore fest, is as hard to come across nowadays as a successful Bill Murray movie. Luckily for movie fans, we get both this year. Denzel Washington once again steals the show in a suspense thriller, this time Carl Franklin's Out of Time.

This edge-of-your-seat thriller is witty yet remains classy throughout. With a well written script and strong performances, this film easily entertains any mature audience.

Denzel plays the chief of police, Matt Whitlock, in the town of Banyan Key, Florida. Matt is a good cop, but a desire to be with a high school sweetheart, drives him into an affair with a married woman, Anne Merai. However, her husband, played by Dean Cain, is a fierce enemy of Matt's.

Matt also has a strained relationship with his soon to be ex-wife, Alex, a homicide detective. When Anne Merai discovers she has terminal cancer, she turns to Matt for help, who in a senseless act of compassion gives her half a million dollars in confiscated drug money. All too quickly though, Anne Merai and her husband are assumed dead, and Alex is assigned to the case.

As more and more clues point to Matt, he must do what he can to cover up his involvement while avoiding Alex's questions and the ever persistent DEA, who are seeking to collect the drug money. Tension builds and from there, the film reaches a heart pounding pace making you feel that Matt may just be out of time.

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Every eye movement, every wrinkled brow plays a key factor into just how well Denzel Washington conveys his fear on screen. Franklin's tight shots and swift camera motions keep the audience moving with the characters.

It is less like you're watching a replay of the action but rather as if you're participating in it. Pacing was key to making this a success, and its apparent that everyone involved knew this and did their best to make the most exciting movie they could.

Another strong aspect of the film is the well-placed comedy relief provided mainly by Matt's friend Chae, played by John Billingsley.

His character is never over the top but never dull. He is not there solely to make the audience laugh; however, he plays an important role in the plot and many key scenes.

His words and actions in the movie speak for what every thought an audience member wants to yell at the screen to help Matt. This is just another aspect that keeps you personally involved in the film.

The very end could have had a little more of a drawn out exciting climax, and it is only for this reason that we give it an A-.

Otherwise, this film is extremely well assembled. So, even compared to other excellent modern day thrillers, like Nick of Time, Out of Time is clocking in a first place A.

You've come a long way: Diversity and TV

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

In keeping with the Jeans Day theme this week, for my first trip to the wonderful world of Arts and Entertainment I thought I'd take a gander at the progression of the fictional homosexual television character. The rainbow flag has been proudly displayed since the early days of "reality TV," starting really with Norman of Real World New York fame, and most recently on the Bravo series Boy Meets Boy. I can't tell you how happy I was that poor James picked the right guy for his partner. But I digress.

Representation really started in the 1970s on an Australian network called TEN. A drama called Number 96, about a whole apartment building full of characters rockin' the alternative lifestyles. NBC attempted a remake of the series in 1980, subsequently cutting all of the gay characters, which I'm sure made the original so enjoyable.

Barney Miller, a police sitcom on ABC that ran from 1975 to 1982 featured an officer who came out late in the series. A few other characters pop up through out the '70s and '80s. One of the more interesting blips on the radar was played by Billy Crystal on another ABC sitcom, Soap. His character dated - get this - a football player in the first season, but is in a serious relationship with a woman by the end of the series. Go figure.

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The 1980s were a little more open to "different" characters. A forerunner was the over the top prime time soap Dynasty, another ABC product. Steven (Al Corley) went through a series of boyfriends through the eight year run, and in the 1991 reunion special, he returns home in a serious relationship with a man.

In my opinion, NBC committed a huge faux pas when they cut the Montgomery McNeil character from their adaptation of the movie Fame. He was my favorite character in the film! The network made up for it slightly by featuring a gay couple in a story arc on the hospital drama, St. Elsewhere. One half of the couple was infected with the AIDS virus, which I believe was one of the first instances of it on prime time. Go NBC.

Two big shows of the late '80s/early '90s cusp did a lot to progress the positive image of homosexuality and specifically solid, lasting relationships. Roseanne, ABC's queen from 1988 to 1997 was a great advocate for alternative lifestyles. Nancy (Sandra Bernhard) leaves her husband for a woman. Leon and Scott, played by the great Martin Mull and even greater Fred Willard, respectively, were the one of the first same sex marriages featured on TV. And we can't forget Roseanne's mother, Bev, who decides late in life that lesbianism is the way to go.

However, the quirky Northern Exposure wins for first same sex marriage. The union between two of the male characters made real-world headlines in 1994. The final episode of the series centered on the story of the town's founders, a lesbian couple, Roslyn and Cicely.

I have to mention Rickie, portrayed brilliantly by Wilson Cruz, on My So-Called Life. Rickie was an interesting supporting character who was often the voice of reason to his two wayward gal pals. This guy hung out in the girl's room, was dressed for success, and had all the answers. Loved him.

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Major props to ABC for giving Ellen DeGeneres the opportunity to portray the first openly gay character in U.S. prime time. Unfortunately, ABC's affiliate in Birmingham, Alabama refused to air the landmark episode. Some of the show's sponsors withdrew their advertisements, one of which was Chrysler. None the less, the outing got more press than any other gay character before her.

The last handful shows I want to mention are the most recent display cases for homosexual characters. First, Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Willow (Alyson Hannigan) comes out in season four and enters a two and a half year relationship with Tara (Amber Benson). Their relationship was one of the most stable featured on the show. After Tara's death, Willow takes up with another woman, and the consummation of that relationship is the first time same sex intercourse is shown on a network station. Before spring 2003, it had only been implied.

Next, we have Dawson's Creek. Kerr Smith's Jack McPhee breaks significant barriers by taking a guy as his date to both his junior and senior proms, pledges a fraternity that is well aware of his orientation, and shares possibly the first same sex male kiss on a network station. The series also ended with Jack in a relationship with none other than Deputy Doug, as well as their adoption of Jen's daughter.

I can't write this properly without giving mention to a personal fave, Will & Grace. Will and Jack (Eric McCormack and Sean Hayes, respectively) are the first lead gay characters in a post-Ellen series.

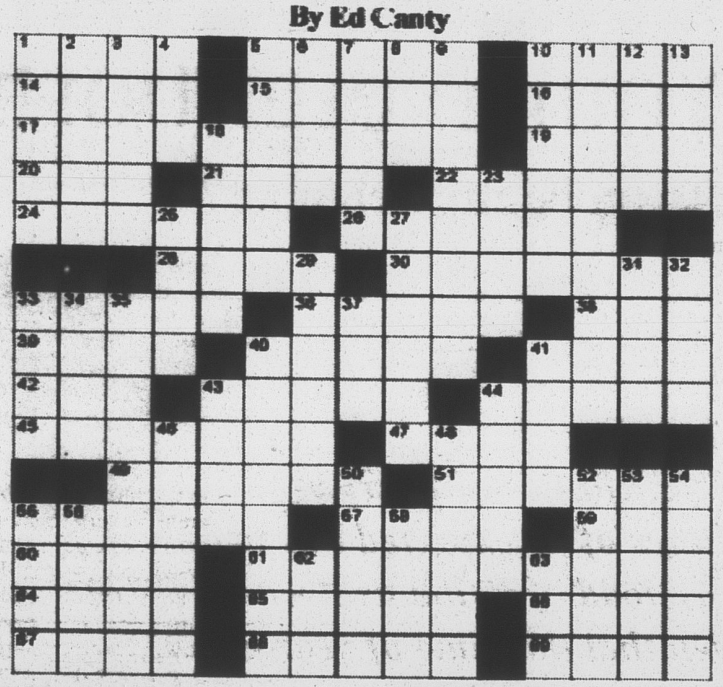
Early promotional spots for the show were ambiguous about Will's homosexuality since NBC didn't know how well the gay leading character would play. Will and Grace's relationship reflects many real-world friendships between a straight girl and a gay man. This show continues to win Emmys – all of the regular actors have received one – and is an all around critical and commercial hit.

The latest offering is ABC's It's All Relative. It's a Romeo and Juliet style sitcom. His parents are Irish Catholic Republican bar owners. She was adopted by her mother's best friends, a gay couple. Let the games begin.

I know there's a pile of shows, characters, and networks I passed over, but I only have so much room. Queer as Folk has done great things for the progression of these characters, as well as Ally McBeal. As time goes on, I'm sure we'll see even more great representation and acceptance. Now if you'll excuse me, I'm off to watch for slashy subtext on Everwood.

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

Hanging is too good for a man who makes puns; he should be drawn and quoted.

• • • Fred Allen (1894 - 1956)

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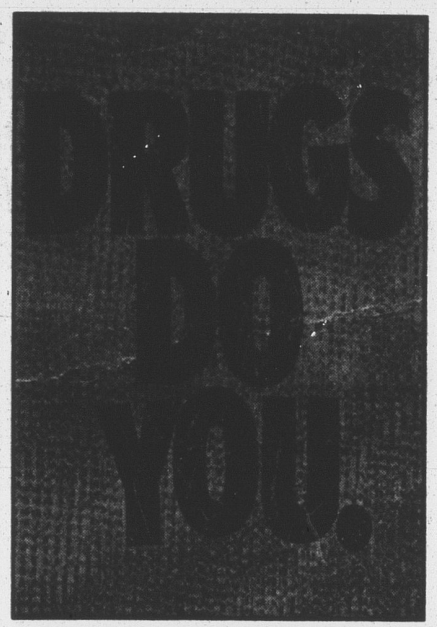

HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
An unusual opportunity may present itself, which may involve public appearances. Loving thoughts are expressed to you and these remarks may not be just passing pleasantry, but an invitation for something deeper. Clear communication can smooth the way.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
If you are feeling tied down by some relationship which is draining you, it may be time to declare your independence. Make your break in a quiet, but firm manner. Check and recheck your money resources, and be sure you are doing something to create future security.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
There is a wonderful sense of the many possibilities life holds in store for you this week. This attitude will fill you with optimism and high energy. Those around you may be turned off by your manner; remember you cannot convince everyone to feel the same way you do.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
If you are feeling a bit crowded, it is very important to speak up and take time and space for yourself, even if only temporarily. You may receive news about money, the information will not be as positive as you'd like - learn not to get attached to expectations.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
You are finding yourself in a rut this week, and it will take a bit of effort on your part to get out of it. Try something new. You need time to play. It may be best to get to the bottom of some emotional upheaval before proceeding - logical approach is not satisfactory.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
This week feels like a new lease on life. Do something that gets your blood pumping. Physical overexertion will do you good. You and your mate may experience greater attraction for each other if you put a little distance between yourselves. Get more input before making any moves.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
An emotional upset may leave you feeling rather sorry for yourself, but things are really not as bad as they may seem right now. Give it all a second chance. Find a way to give away items that have lost their usefulness, to those who will appreciate them.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
You are definitely in a good mood. Just be careful what you wish for since you just may get it. Treat yourself to a luxury you seldom consider. Have patience concerning a current project. Your ship will come in, and worrying will not hasten the process.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
An organized approach will get the job done. Money may come from an unexpected source to help you realize your goals. Your lover needs attention now. Make sure it is quality time and the two of you discuss matters of mutual importance and goals.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
It may be hard to maintain your optimism - there isn't anything wrong, you are just in a dark, brooding mood. Your health, both physical and mental may be affected by stress either at home or at work. Make necessary changes and accept what you can't change.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
A very generous financial gift may materialize and can remove a great deal of worrying. Now you can really go after what's important, and a creative endeavor is at the top of your list. Remove yourself from an obligation that takes too much energy with little return.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
If something has been lost, you are likely to find it. Don't allow your pride to stand in the way of asking forgiveness of someone you may have wronged. This estrangement may take awhile to patch up, and may never be the same. It is a hard lesson to learn.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Attractive and keenly articulate, you are always at your best in front of people. Very few people can resist you, and very few try. Talking to much is an admitted problem for you, and you may have alienated a friend or lover with your words. Try to make amends.

FEATURE

People in Your Neighborhood

Won't you be my neighbor?

Name: Crystal Schumacher
Age: 21
Major: Broadcast Communications, History, and Secondary Education
Place of Birth: Pittsburgh, PA
Favorite Color: Blue
What class would you love to see at WC: An animation class would be cool.
Favorite Music Genre: Dance, pop. If I can dance to it, I'll listen to it.
Favorite Band: Jimmy Eat World
Favorite Musical: Grease
Favorite Radio Station: Around here, B94.
Computer illiterate or computer genius: I'm a genius! I'm a nerd.
Favorite Quote: "If we go out and only give it half the effort because we're scared then we'll always wonder if we were really good enough. But if we go out there and give it all we've got.....thats heroic!" - Unknown
If you could choose one famous person to have lunch with, who would it be: Barbara Walters, because I'm taking over her job one day.
How was your fall break: I hung out with the family. It was a family bonding experience.
Message for the world: "Can't we all just get along?"

Name: Colby King
Age: 19
Major: I created my own interdisciplinary major - Society and the Environment.
Place of Birth: Butler, PA
Favorite Color: Blue and yellow
What class would you love to see at WC: A mandatory class that would talk about the interrelationship between society and the environment.
Favorite Music Genre: EVERYTHING
Favorite Band: Roger Clyne, Our Lady Peace, and the Narrows.
Favorite Musical: The Wizard of Oz
Favorite Radio Station: 88.9 on Sunday nights
Computer illiterate or computer genius: Just computer literate.
Favorite Quote: "Tomorrow is no place to place your better days." - Dave Matthews and "With love we will survive." - Flickerstick
If you could choose one famous person to have lunch with, who would it be: Einstein, because I liked his hair.
How was your fall break: Thorough.
Message for the world: "Once a week you should hug somebody you didn't know before that week."

Breaking the barriers of popularity contests

by Carolyn Miller
Resident Clique Buster

I like to think that I have some expertise in the knowledge of school politics. Having being going to school for almost 18 straight years now, I kind of have this built-in sense of 'school-yard drama' that's fueled my crazy imagination for a long, long time. The media helps, too – while nobody at my high school may have shot anyone over some silly feud over a girl, the news documents when anybody at any other school has. I'd also watch soap operas to get ideas, but I like my stories based in some sort of reality.

I remember the first school election I was ever a witness to – sixth grade student government elections. I ran for secretary, with the firm belief that with elementary school behind me, I could remake myself into something that the popular masses could stand to talk to for more than two seconds. I failed miserably, and learned much about the politics of the school on a whole.

For instance – ever notice that whoever's popular the first year they're there, remains popular for the rest of their years at that school? Name recognition is insanely important, especially for anyone planning to run in a school election. So freshmen, if you want to be known later on, make sure to do something to stand out – get five hours of radio time a week, join every club you have the time for, try to get positions of power – all those sort of things. I know it sounds cynical, but it's true, isn't it?

Prom Queen voting in high school always bothered me. I was never nominated, never elected – why? Why wasn't I allowed that sort of honor? Or my friends? We were at the bottom of the totem pole, the very dregs of high school society that weren't allowed to even ask the time of day from the cheerleaders. Or, if that wasn't really the case, that's the way we felt about it.

College was a welcome change. Finally, a completely new place to live, where no one knew my name, and no one held any misconceptions about me. I'm sure you all felt the same – finally a chance to start over! You hit the 'reset' button on the console of life, and were finally given the chance to build a new reputation for yourself. Still, while I took advantage of that as much as I could, there were still people who were set to knock me down again – college, it seemed, was just like high school all over again.

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Getting rejected by anyone, no matter what the cause or circumstance, stings. It hurts like a slap to the face, it knocks the breath from you, and if you're sensitive enough, it depresses you for days on end. Sometimes it feels like life just keeps knocking you down, kicking you to the dirt, and throwing some rocks at you while it's in the mood. But living life with that in mind can only lead to even more failure – not an attitude conducive to a healthy life.

School may be clique-driven, but what can be done about it? Our society won't be changed by a single person, a single club, even a single university. It's going to stay the way it is for a long time, and nothing can change that. You have to learn to adapt, recognize the patterns and navigate them until you find a happy way of life.

And really, what's more important in life than living it to its fullest? You only get one chance at this, one chance to make all of it that you can. There are no do-overs, no retries, no 1-ups or extra lives. If you get eaten by that danged pirana plant, it's all over. So live your life! So what if that boy you've pined over for two weeks won't look your way? Either keep trying with all you've got, or find a new guy to dote on. The world won't slow down time for you, so you have to make each second count.

And remember, as a wise man once said – if you're holding out for universal popularity, you're going to be here a long time.

No heart vs. bleeding heart: Flag Burning

by Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

Flag burning: one of the current "hot buttons" of US policy. Should American citizens be granted the right to burn the American flag in opposition of US policy? Many argue that this right falls under the first amendment. But does it? To put it quite bluntly, no.

Let's read the First Amendment together so we're all on the same page. It states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peacefully to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Now, can someone point out to me the part that says, "the right to destroy government property or insignia thereof"? I can't seem to find that part...hmm. So unless your Bible commands you to burn all symbols of America, I'd find another amendment to cite.

So, in essence, you are 'exercising your right' to burn the very thing which envelops this ideal. Good for you, you're an idiot.

Let's move on to some common sense evaluation, shall we? So let's say, you, the reader, decide that you would like to burn the flag (Yay for you, you're embarking on a political activity!). The most likely reason is that you're upset with the American government in some way, shape or form. Now stop and think: what is the flag really representing? Is it representing the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal, Watergate, or the current situation in Iraq? Or is it representing the ideals of this nation, such as equal protection under the laws, free reign from tyranny, and yes, freedom of speech? My vote is for the latter, and I think the boys in uniform have my back on this one. So, in essence, you are "exercising your right" to burn the very thing which envelops this ideal. Good for you, you're an idiot.

Now, don't take this article to mean that I believe that you have no right whatsoever to speak out against the government, this is far from the truth. I know I exercised my right for the eight years Clinton ran this country. So go ahead, speak out! Have peaceful protests, write to your Senator, organize petitions, and voice your opinion whenever and wherever you can. It is your right. Flag burning, however, is out of your league. Now if you'll excuse me, I have some Bush signs to make.

P.S. I'd like to report false advertising on campus...I'm not rich. In fact, if anyone would like to make a tax-deductible donation to me, that would be cool.

by Richard Marmura
Resident Liberal

As an Eagle Scout, I have been taught proper respect for the flag. When it should fly, when it should not, when it should be replaced and exactly how to do it. I have a lot of reverence for the flag. With this in mind, many would be surprised that I am against a constitutional amendment prohibiting flag burning.

"But why would you oppose it?" you may be asking, oh reasonable reader.

Well, first off, I feel that our country has a lot more to worry about right now than who is burning a flag. When we have taken care of terrorism, the problematic economy and our serious lack of (how do I say this gently???) "sufficient and competent" leadership and intelligence, then perhaps we should worry about who is burning a flag.

But let's pretend for a moment that flag burning truly is the most pressing issue of the day. We should first look back and see that the Supreme Court has already ruled, NOT ONCE, but TWICE, that flag burning is protected under freedom of speech and expression. In the case of Texas v. Johnson in 1989, even ultra-conservative Justice Anthony Scalia voted in favor of Mr. Johnson. (*NOTE* Mr. Johnson was arrested after dousing a flag with kerosene and lighting it on fire outside of the 1984 Republican National Convention.) Scalia agreed with the majority of the Justices, arguing that there is not "a flag exception for the first amendment".

Is America merely a piece of cloth with some stars and stripes (that in some cases is not even manufactured in America)? Or is America something far more important and indescribable?

But now let's pretend again. Isn't this fun!? And this time let's pretend that we have nothing more pressing to concern ourselves with AND that the Supreme Court had not ruled in favor of Freedom of Speech in 1989. Many would (and do...) argue that burning the flag should be outlawed because it dishonors veterans; that it essentially makes a mockery of what they fought (and in many cases...) died for. My answer is simply to ask what those brave men and women were truly fighting for. Were they fighting for a piece of multi-colored cloth? Or were they fighting for something more intangible? I choose to think that those brave men and women fought and often died defending our rights. Burning a flag SHOULD NOT upset them, limiting the citizenries' rights SHOULD! On a side note, if the country was truly concerned about veterans we would be more outraged by the continued attempts by some in the federal government to rob our veterans of their already limited pensions and benefits!

Another popular argument is the vague generality that burning a flag is "unpatriotic!" When this is argued, we must ask ourselves exactly what "patriotism" is. To me, patriotism means much more than merely waving the flag and blindly supporting the government. It means protecting EVERYONE's rights; even the parts of those rights that we may disagree with.

And so, oh patient and clear-thinking reader, we must not allow ourselves to lose sight of what America truly is. Is America merely a piece of cloth with some stars and stripes (that in some cases is not even manufactured in America)? Or is America something far more important and indescribable?

I chose to think that America is about preserving freedoms and rights when at all possible. I choose to think that we do not hurt America by burning her flag, but rather we make her stronger by merely having the ability to make such a choice. I believe that it is our duty as Americans to defend the rights of our fellow Americans, even if we disagree with them.

In other words, as Voltaire once said, "I may disagree with what you have to say, but I shall defend, to the death, your right to say it".

Insert Angry Voice Here: Campus Visitation Hours

by Drew Huston
Staff Columnist

Now here, fellow students, is an issue that we can all really sink our teeth into. Here is something that I've been questioning all of my years here at Westminster, yet still there is no justifiable answer for it.

Here is a cause of endless frustration for many members of the student body that nobody really seems to know how to fix. Well let me tell you, I tried to fix it, and hit a brick wall. What am I talking about? The visitation policy in campus dorms, of course!

The current policy that exists is that Sunday through Thursday, opposite sexes may visit one another freely from 10 a.m. until 12 a.m. On Friday and Saturday, 24-hour visitation is allowed. If you are a member of the opposite sex, you must be escorted through the halls by someone who is of the same sex as that particular dorm is comprised of, i.e. if you are female, you must be accompanied by a male if you wish to go into the hallways of Eich. I think this is pretty universal knowledge.

My point of contention is this – I am a 21-year-old man. I can legally drink. I can legally drive. I can legally vote. Yet I can't have a female friend stay past midnight on a weeknight. I'm legally an adult. I could go out and buy a car, no problems (maybe except for my credit report). I could get married, but I couldn't be in a girl's room past midnight Sunday through Thursday. Something about that doesn't sit right with me.

Now, Westminster has a long tradition of sexual segregation. I'm sure many of you have heard the story of men and women needing to be separated by water on this campus a few decades ago. They built a moat to keep us apart, people. I understand the tradition – in times immemorial, it was considered very sinful to associate freely with members of the opposite sex.

I ask, why are visitation hours even necessary for us? The academic atmosphere of the dorms would not seriously decrease in quality if the opposite sex were allowed into their halls.

Westminster had, and still has, a fine reputation of being a peaceful, respectful campus. I can understand the Board of Trustees' willingness to continue that tradition by continuing the segregation of the sexes here on campus. But, times have changed considerably since moats had to be employed to keep the raging hormones of college men and women at bay.

We're adults (and, in some cases, I use that term loosely), and we have come to college to learn to be productive and functioning members of society. We have come to Westminster to learn, not only about academics, but about ourselves, and about other people and social relationships. For many people, that is what the college experience is all about – relationships and memories that are created with other people. So, if we are adults, why can we not be trusted to associate freely with one another?

Now, a number of different strategies have been attempted on behalf of the students to end this segregation. A few semesters ago, there was a movement to start a program of co-ed dorms on campus. President Williamson came to the SGA meeting and spoke to us all of what the College's position on the issue was, and fielded questions from the Senators. No real progress was made, due to security concerns about co-ed dorms.

I could understand this. However, I reasoned, what would be the need for co-ed dorms if there were no restrictions on visitation in the first place? All of the reasons for requesting co-ed dorms would have been solved by simply abolishing the policy of visitation hours, save the women's insistence that the men have an unfair advantage in that they have their own showers in Eich, which is an entirely different debate that I won't even touch now.

Anyway, I proposed that all of the requests could be handled simply by relaxing or abolishing visitation hours. My proposal was heard, but not listened to. Nothing was done, and we still have strict visitation hours that of course are broken many nights on this campus. An argument that was given during the debates about this issue was that, "If people want to have sex, they will have it. They'll just bump up their schedule a few hours so that it's during visitation allowances – if they even follow those allowances."

This is true. Let's face facts. However, I ask, why are visitation hours even necessary for us? We have mandatory quiet hours. The academic atmosphere of the dorms would not seriously decrease in quality if the opposite sex were allowed into their halls.

Why do we hang on to this dated tradition? Should we just build a bigger moat? It is the twenty-first century. We are adults. At least THINK of giving us the assumed freedoms that adults have. Please?

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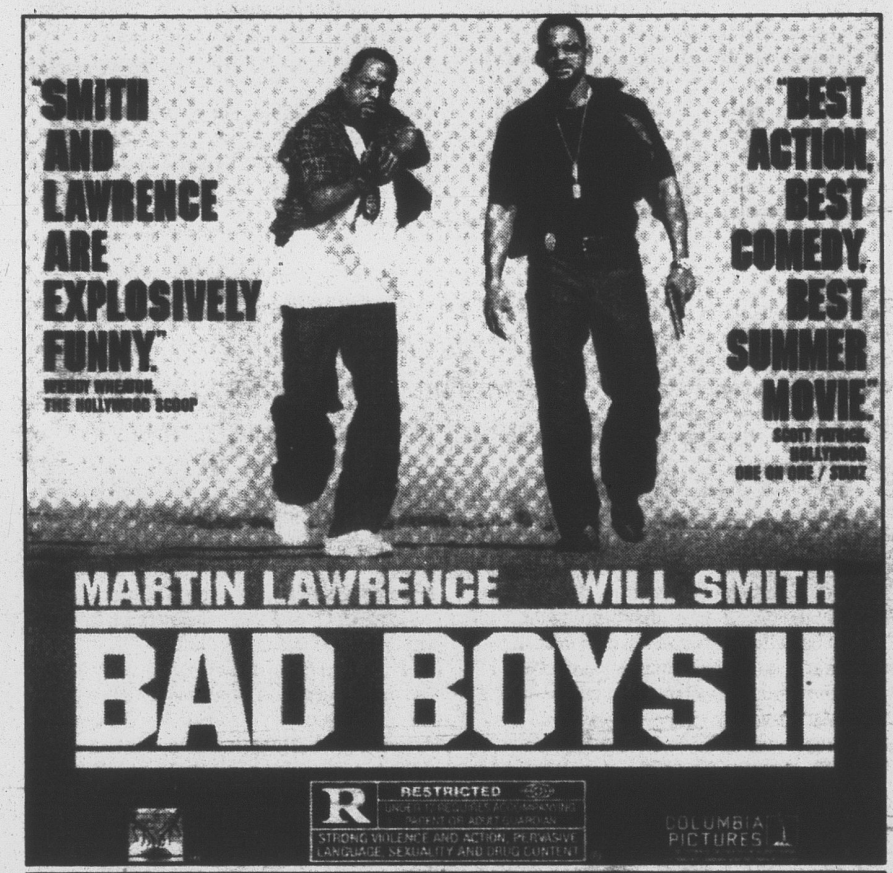

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Lights Out

by Elizabeth Grepp
Staff Writer

Walking across campus on Monday night students may have noticed that it was darker than usual.

The reason for the darkness was an accident on South Market Street. A dump truck snapped a pole destroying a transformer. It knocked out power to various buildings on campus including McGill library, Ferguson, Jeffers, Hillside and Eichenauer Halls.

The Borough responded as quickly as they could to replace the transformer. They began working when the power went out and did not stop working until the power was back on.

Each dormitory on campus has an emergency generator that powers the emergency lights. The lights keep halls, stairwells and lobbies lit so that students can see in the event of an emergency.

The college took extra precautions Monday night to ensure student safety. Assistant Dean of Student Affairs John Lechner made sure that the students were safe. "We called an extra officer out to patrol the dark areas," said Lechner. "He patrolled the dark areas and was on duty until the power went back on."

Students across campus were affected by the outage. Amanda Ries, aenior and psychology major lives in Browne Hall. She was affected because she needed access to the library. "I planned to go to the library to research but the library was closed, it was very inconvenient," said Ries. "I had a big paper due."

Cindi Henderson a junior and international business major lives in Ferguson Hall and was also affected by the power outage. "Having a portable phone no one could call me," said Henderson. "I couldn't effectively work on my school assignments and the computer labs were overcrowded."

She felt the college dealt well with the situation in general but would've liked to have been better informed. "I think it would have been nice if the student body had been notified in some way via e-mail, R.A.'s, voicemail or phone. We didn't know what happened, we didn't know what was going on," said Henderson. "I think the student body should be more informed about what's effecting them on their campus.

Senior Fine Art major John Joseph was affected by the power outage despite the fact that he does not live on campus. He is employed by the school and was unable to work in the library that evening. Joseph did not feel the power outage was dealt with well. "They neglected their responsibility to keep the students, especially those directly affected by the incident posted," he said.

Lechner praised the students' response to the situation saying that they responded well under the circumstances. "Things like this happen. They happen much more frequent than you would think," said Lechner. "The response from the campus and community was appropriate."

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CAMPUS NEWS

Students and alumni celebrate Homecoming 2003

by Amie Hack
Staff Writer

The campus came alive on Oct. 17 and 18 as Homecoming activities filled the colorful autumn weekend.

Beginning on Friday, festivities for students included "SGA Day" and a pep rally. Saturday brought with it the annual parade through New Wilmington and, of course, the football game.

"I feel that this year's homecoming was very successful," sophomore Adrienne Reuss said. "Attending events such as the pep rally, parade, and game made me realize all of the pride that I have for our school."

More events had been scheduled for the weekend, including a Powder Puff football game and a semi-formal dinner dance. Due to low attendance, however, both of these activities had to be cancelled.

According to SGA Special Events chair Greg Smith, SGA has big plans for next year to make the Powder Puff game more popular. "We plan to get teams from each sorority, as well as independent women, involved, and that way we will definitely get more people out there," he said.

As for this year, Smith said that SGA aimed their strategies toward the pep rally. They attempted to attract more students to the rally by holding SGA Day all throughout the morning and afternoon leading up to it. "We were thinking that if we could keep peoples' interest throughout the day, then more people would be excited for the pep rally," he said. "I think our strategy worked decently, but maybe holding one on Saturday before the game would work better."

The Homecoming Court and the girls' volleyball team were represented at the rally. A Karaoke contest was held, but most participants preferred to sing for fun rather than actually compete. According to Smith, the most popular event at the rally was the "Training Camp." This competition consisted of participants attempting to "score" by throwing a football through hula hoops set up between trees. Winners of the "Training Camp" received various Westminster paraphernalia.

photo by Willis Bretz
Independent candidate Tom Oyer and Sigma Kappa candidate Jaime Carter are crowned 2003 Homecoming King and Queen.

Once students gained sufficient amounts of school spirit, many woke up early Saturday morning to either be in the Homecoming Parade or watch it. The theme this year was "Medieval Times," and each sorority and fraternity constructed some sort of float to compete for the best. The parade, which took place from about 10:30 a.m. until about 11:00 a.m., is an annual event that students, alumni, and community members all have the opportunity to enjoy.

"For this being my first time in a parade and as an Alpha Gam, I really enjoyed it," sophomore Stephanie Cole said. "It was an experience!"

The winners of the float contest, as well Homecoming king and queen, were announced during half-time at the Titan football game, played against Thiel at 1:30 p.m. Phi Mu won first place in the contest with their "Robin Hood" float. Theta Chi won second place with their "Dungeons and Dragons" float, Alpha Gamma Delta won third with "Princess and the Pea," and Zeta Tau Alpha took fourth place with "Sleeping Beauty."

After the Homecoming Court was announced, the long-anticipated king and queen were revealed. Winners this year were junior independent Tom Oyer and junior Sigma Kappa Jaime Carter.

Activities ended on a positive note this year with the Titans pulling a one-point victory over Thiel. Many students stayed to watch the game and half-time events, but SGA is still trying to come up with ways to get the campus involved in other Homecoming activities.

"Homecoming is a lot of fun," Smith said. "Lots of people come out at half-time to support the candidates and see the floats, but it would be nice if students would come for all the other events that occur throughout the weekend and show their enthusiasm about the campus and about being a Westminster student."

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October recognizes Domestic Violence Awareness Month

by Sara Ialongo and Melissa Logan
Staff Writers

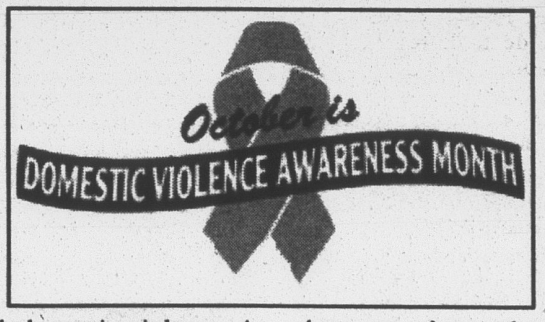
Ninety-two percent of American women rank domestic and sexual violence as one of their top priorities. That's why the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence reserves the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Across the country, battered women's advocates will join with government officials, corporations, unions, health care providers, faith-based groups, and others to organize DVAM activities that raise public awareness about domestic violence. The Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County, a local agency, is further committed to meeting that goal.

"Domestic Violence Awareness Month has helped us come a long way in assisting the victims who are in abusive or violent relationships," said Debbie Weich, director of education at the shelter. "Each year, more interest and awareness is sparked."

Domestic Violence Awareness Month was first observed in 1989. Many problems prompted the need for an annual campaign including physical battering, sexual abuse, and violent relationships. The purpose of DVAM is to raise awareness about the prevalence and cost of domestic violence, the need for prevention, and the availability of services for victims of abuse.

Each October, the Crisis Shelter holds numerous events throughout the month to raise awareness for the cause. On October 16, 100 residents of Lawrence County gathered at the First Christian Church in New Castle for a pasta dinner. Through their meeting, community members, elected officials, and Shelter board members hoped to raise awareness for the problems associated with domestic violence. A victim offered her story and hope for the future.



Domestic violence is often a deadly crime that creates a painful void- a permanently empty place at the table- for families whose loved ones were killed by abusers. The "Empty Place at the Table" exhibit, displayed at the rally, comprises victims' place settings along with newspaper clippings about the homicides, photographs, and sometimes personal items.

This exhibit recognizes the individuality of each victim, establishes a way to mourn for the loss of life, and to raises awareness about domestic violence and its impact on the community.

Additionally, the Shelter participates in the national purple ribbon campaign. Throughout the month, members of the agency distributed the ribbons at the New Castle Wal-Mart and spoke with shoppers about the community's commitment to end this deadly crime.

As a community member, plenty can be done to help prevent domestic violence.

* Model a non-violent, respectful, nonjudgmental response to resolving conflicts.

* Learn the name and phone number of the local domestic violence shelter.

* Donate time, money, or supplies to the local shelter.

* Encourage workplace seminars about domestic violence.

* Urge legislators to enact legal protections for victims of domestic violence.

* Take domestic violence seriously at all times and insist that others do the same.

Since February of this year, the Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County has operated "Under one Roof" at its new location on West State Street New Castle. The center provides shelter and a complete living community for female victims of domestic violence. The Shelter also provides counseling for children, men, and women who need comfort or assistance.

The Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County is prepared to assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or violent crimes 24-hours at day through its hotline at 724-652-9036. Anyone wishing to learn more about the Shelter's services or to volunteer their time should call 724-652-9206. Further information about domestic violence and ways to help prevent the crime are available at http://end-abuse.org/dvmonth.

Phi Tau announces Leading Lady, benefits children

by Mike Mackin
Staff Writer

Senior Sigma Kappa Jessica Young was announced as Westminster's first Leading Lady, an event sponsored by the brothers of Phi Kappa Tau to benefit children from The Hole in the Wall Gang.

Each sorority chose a member for nomination as well as one Independent female. Students voted for the female candidates by making donations in each nominee's name at the Orchard Street Cafe. The candidate that raised the most money won the contest.

The candidates were Ashley Mondale (Phi Mu), Jess Young (Sigma Kappa), Pam Sloan (Kappa Delta), Kristen Kulick (Alpha Gamma Delta), Rena Paroz (Zeta Tau Alpha), and Sharon Griffin (Independent).

"I think it was a great idea of Phi Tau to start Westminster's Leading Lady because it allows some really great girls to get recognized for what they bring to this campus or their Greek organization, while raising money for an outstanding children's foundation," Kulick, said.

Phi Kappa Tau's next fundraiser will be the "Big Paddle" event. The fraternity will send four of its brothers down the Beaver River in two canoes. The brothers will travel on the river from New Castle to Beaver on a two-day trip, including a night spent on shore in a tent. The canoe trip begins on October 24.

Money raised for this trip will also support children from The Hole in the Wall Gang.

The Hole in the Wall Gang is a group of different camps spread throughout the country set up as a retreat place for terminally ill children. Children with diseases such as muscular dystrophy, AIDS, cancer and other devastating illnesses can call these camps home for a part of their summer.

Donations will help these ailing children forget their troubles and have fun with other kids who are much like them.

"All of our chapters nationally have been supporting The Hole in the Wall Gang for years. We just like to continue the tradition and help these kids out," said brother Jordan Hinds.

Phi Kappa Tau adopted The Hole in the Wall Gang as their national philanthropy in 1995 and still continues to help support these unfortunate children in any way they can.

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Peace Studies addresses Kurdish struggle

by Elizabeth Grepp
Staff Writer

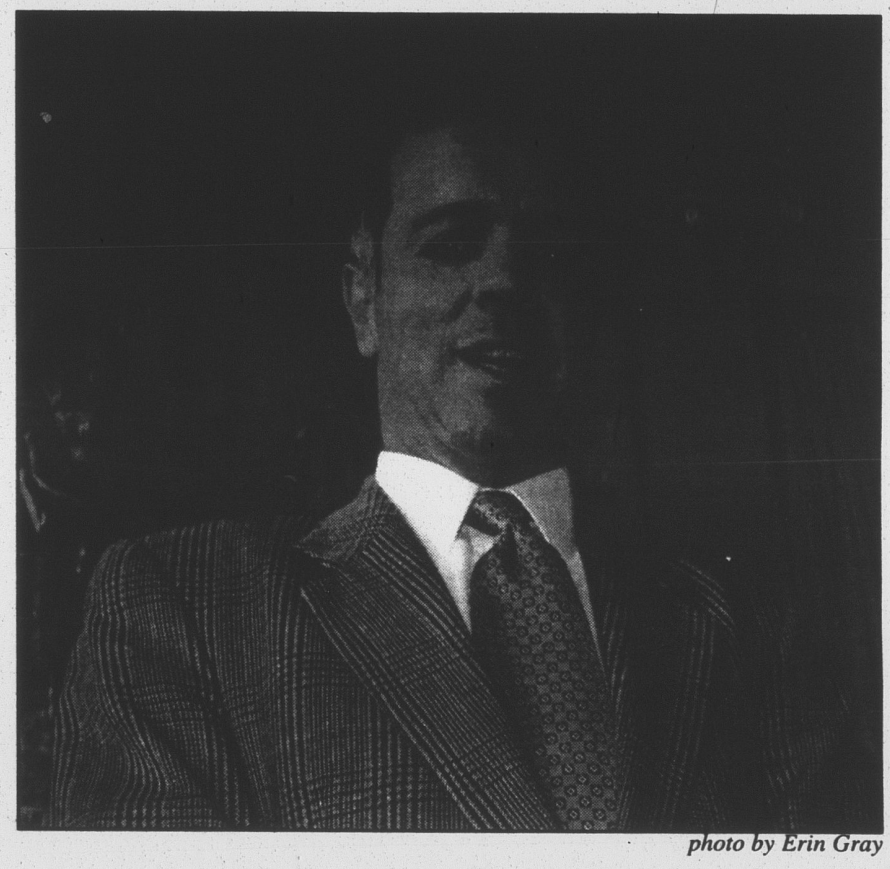
Azad Ali, an Iraqi Kurd and American citizen spoke on October 7, 2003 at the Peace Studies Program coffeehouse. Ali is a professor at Butler County Community College and is currently earning his master's degree.

Ali spoke first of the tragic history of the Kurdish people and the general ignorance Americans have toward the Kurds. Although Kurds have been in existence since before the coming of Christ, their current problems are a more recent development. According to Ali, a treaty was signed in 1970 which allowed the Kurds to form their own government. Turkey attempted to stop this from happening by any means possible, including assassination plots. The Nixon administration supported the Kurds because they hoped that with the support of the United States the Iraqi government would weaken. However, in 1975 the United States withdrew its support after signing a treaty with Saddam Hussein. Hussein began slaughtering Kurds in any way he could.

Ali addressed the difficulties Kurds face in Turkey as well as Iraq. Even though approximately 18 million Kurds live in Turkey they are still treated poorly. Their language is not even recognized by Turkey and laws forbidding Kurdish from being spoken are enforced in regions of the country. The regions of Turkey where Kurds reside are horrible. "It is so poverty-ridden," Ali said. "The government of Turkey doesn't spend any money to make improvements."

When asked why the Turkish people harbor so much animosity toward the Kurds he answered that Turkey used to be a super power, occupying half of the world. People kept carving away at their country. "If people ask for more of their country they'll go crazy," said Ali.

Despite the fact that the Turks have treated the Kurds so badly, Ali pointed out that the United States continues to look to Turkey as an ally. His worst fear is that there will be agreements between the United States and Turkey that will lead to a Turkish occupation of Iraq. "My worst fear is Turkey," said Ali.



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Azad Ali, an Iraqi Kurd, speaks at Peace Studies Coffeehouse

The only thing the Kurdish people want is their own nation. Currently the Kurds are the largest ethnic minority without a state. Ali repeated many times that 35-40 million Kurds currently occupy Northern Iraq and that his people deserve their own state. He said that they deserved the opportunity to speak their own language, educate their children in their own schools, even have newspapers printed in Kurdish.

If they cannot have a separate nation Ali calls for autonomy so that the Kurds will be able to practice their culture, speak their own language and enjoy other basic freedoms. He feels that given the opportunity there could be a united and free Kurdistan.

Ali also pointed out that a part of the reason American people are ignorant about the Kurdish people is because they have not committed acts of terrorism. The Kurds have never kidnapped journalists or hijacked planes and because of this Ali feels that they are often overlooked.

Alicia Heinle, a sophomore history major went to the program and was glad she attended. "It was really interesting," said Heinle. "It's upsetting when you hear of any group of people's plight." Though she was glad she was able to attend, she was disappointed with the turnout. "I wish more people would have been there. Most of the people that were there knew about the Kurds," said Heinle. "It's the people that don't know their story that need to hear it most."

Education majors collect poptabs for dialysis

by Erica Tallo
Staff Writer

Every Friday, junior blockers toss put a side their teachers' clothes to raise money for a local dialysis clinic.

Each semester, students in junior block choose a charitable cause to benefit from their dress down Fridays. In the past, students have contributed canned goods or $1 bills in exchange for a day off from dressing like professional teachers. The students then donated these items to their charity of choice.

"I like the fact that I know I am not the only one benefiting from dressing down on Friday's," said senior Julie Zappa.

This semester's group is bringing in pop tabs to support a kidney foundation. Kayla Dennis and Lauren Perkins suggested the idea in hopes of assisting Patrick Krantz, associate professor of foundations and science methods, who is awaiting a kidney transplant.

"Our class chose Dr. Krantz because he is a part of our education community; he is a dedicated, helpful, and friendly professor," said Dennis.

"We would all like to see him healthy and working at Westminster for many years to come. Hopefully, with this simple contribution, we can help make a difference in the lives of Dr. Krantz and other dialysis patients," said Dennis.

Krantz has been juggling his full time teaching position and dialysis treatments for about one year. He has even had to give himself necessary treatment behind his closed office door. He believes it's the understanding of the students and the support of the faculty that have made it possible for him to continue teaching.

At the end of the semester, the students in junior block will take the collected pop tabs to a recycling facility in exchange for cash. They will then donate the money to the Fresenius Clinic of Jameson Hospital in New Castle, where Krantz receives his dialysis treatments.

Krantz claims that the clinic is both "eye-opening and depressing," and that it is "mentally tough" to witness what goes on inside.

Though most people seek dialysis treatment due to drug or alcohol abuse or for diabetes, Krantz describes his case to be one of random bad luck. "[It] is unique in that what I am going through normally doesn't occur in people until they are very old. I am 29," Krantz said.

Although initiated by junior block, other students have been helpful in contributing to this cause.

"We are all getting lots of help from our friends that are not in Jr. Block and some that aren't even education majors," Perkins said.

Any students interested in helping the junior blockers raise money for dialysis are encouraged to contact Kayla Dennis at denniskk@ westminster.edu.

Eps work to resolve neighborhood complaints

by Sara Ialongo
Staff Writer

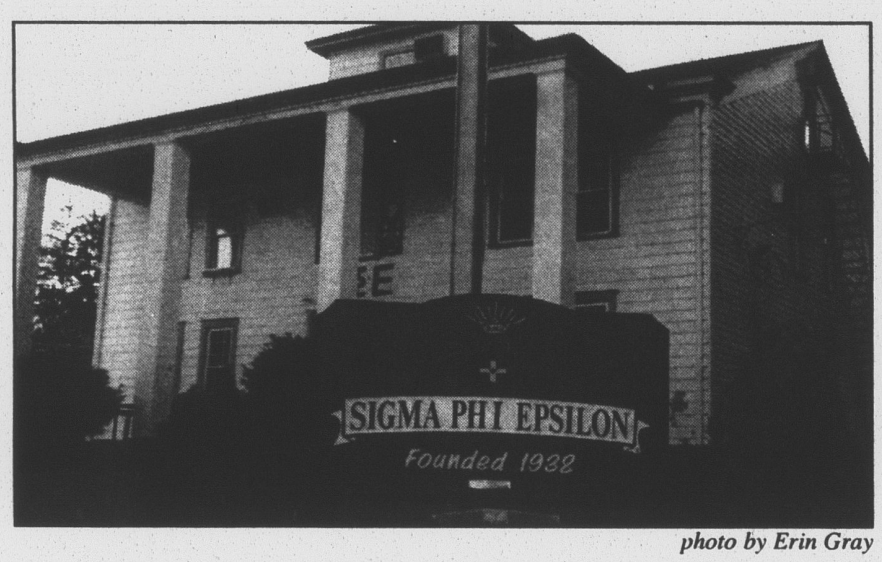
Last semester when Sigma Phi Epsilon hosted weekend parties, their guests left at the traditional time- 2 a.m. Students living in Russell, Eichenauer, Hillside and Jeffers dormitories went home their usual route via Beechwood Drive. This is when problems started for the Eps.

As partygoers walked back to their dorms, however, they made a few stops along the way. Some broke house lights or fences on Beechwood, while others tore down The Veazey House Bed & Breakfast sign, stole private property or urinated in yards. As these events and damages became a regular occurrence, it became an annoyance and interruption for the neighbors.

The issue escalated as local newspapers covered the story and interviewed the police, college administrators and the unhappy neighbors on Beechwood. The Eps never had the opportunity to share their side of the story - until now.

According to senior Craig Rechichar, Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter president, the fraternity is not completely at fault. "The complaints aren't directed at the brothers who live in our house. They are usually directed at girls who make noise on the way back to their dorms or guys who break stuff down the block," he said.

As the weather started getting warmer, homeowners began opening their windows at night. More students started walking to and from parties since the Happy Bus was eliminated. Sigma Nu, another weekend party house, was closed for the semester, causing more students to crowd into the other four fraternity houses. When these factors combined, the issue became more problematic than in past years.



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Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers respond to complaints from neighbors.

Last spring, John Lechner, assistant dean of Student Affairs, was one of many individuals who tried to regulate and terminate the problem between the fraternity house and the community. But when neighbors had a complaint, they went to the New Wilmington Police Department.

Chief Carmen Piccirillo of the New Wilmington Police Department received calls regarding these issues. As the problem continued, he thought it best to gather all the involved parties for a meeting. "I wanted to the neighbors and the Eps to discuss how they could pull together and resolved the problem without having to create noise or curfew ordinances," Piccirillo said.

Piccirillo, Lechner, Rechichar, and Jim Barrie, a brother and officer residing in the fraternity house, joined about 30 residents for the meeting. According to Piccirillo, the neighbors did not accuse the Eps because they understood that the damage was caused by the traffic coming and going to their parties. During the meeting, the Eps publicly offered to pay for damage that was done after their parties.

After the meeting, The Vindicator and Globe Leader released stories about the issue. "The papers never contacted us," Rechichar said. "We would just find stories about our house and our fraternity when we opened the paper."

Rechichar read an article about his fraternity in The Vindicator. A local resident was interviewed and quoted as saying "one of her options to stop the vandalism was to bring in the National Guard." Statements like this caused rumors surfaced last semester.

Since the community meeting, the Eps are making an effort to have fun but responsible parties that ensure everyone's safety. Rechichar explained that the brothers keep the music level lowest on weekdays and end their parties sooner on the weekends. So far, their remedies are working. "The cops only came to our house once this semester and that was for loud music," Rechichar said.

When classes resumed this fall so did campus parties, but the Eps are in the clear for now. "There have been no complaints recently, and the police and campus security are on additional patrol," Lechner said. However, Piccirillo mentioned another incident just occurred this weekend.

"I don't understand the infatuation with wreaking havoc on your home." Piccirillo said. "Why can't kids just go to a party, have fun, and behave on their way home?"

Piccirillo said that some students have been caught in the act and cited, while other students charged with stealing and underage drinking faced more serious offenses. The problem is not limited to the area around New Castle Street and Beechwood Drive. Across town, students destroy landscaping and flowers. Lechner knows that the Greeks should not be completely at fault. Plenty of students, both Greek and independent, attend fraternity parties and create disturbances to the community.

For the Greek community, Lechner has plans to combat any negative images that develop from this and other campus issues. On Nov. 8, all Greek leaders, independents and advisors will attend Greek Summit, a weekend for discussing the Greek community on campus and finding ways to make it better.

"The Greek Summit isn't about solving problems. It's about collectively making the whole Greek system better, and then these smaller issues will correct themselves," Lechner said.

New recreation center honors retired professor and coach

by Sarah Bowers
Staff Writer

The college opened a new recreation center honoring a woman many feel was instrumental in creating physical activity programs for female students. The Marge Walker Recreation Center was dedicated Friday, Oct. 17, in Old 77.

Marjorie A. Walker served as a professor and chair of the physical education department, as well as associate director of athletics for 31 years. In addition to these positions, she also served as a coach for the basketball, volleyball and tennis teams. Additionally, she was also the advisor for SGA, Panhellenic Council, cheerleaders, majorettes and drill team. Other positions Walker held include two-time district coach, president of the Women's Keystone Conference and chair of the NAIA district volleyball and Softball Coaches Association. She was also the recipient of the Virginia Award for outstanding professional service.

President R. Thomas Williamson along with a committee comprised of individuals from the development office, physical plant, and physical education and athletics department headed up the project.

According to Jim Dafler, director of athletics, planning for this event began 18 months ago. He feels it is necessary for Walker to be recognized for her efforts.

"She was a pioneer in terms of women's athletic programs. It's wonderful we are naming a part of our athletic facility in her honor," Dafler said.

The center includes state of the art cardiovascular aerobic equipment such as stationary bicycles, elliptical machines, treadmills and stair climbers. Students and faculty can enjoy television, videotapes and music while exercising. The new center also features a dance studio.

Gloria Cagigas, vice president for institutional advancement, is amazed at the outpouring of support demonstrated by Walker's co-workers, friends and family.

"Hundreds of Marge's friends have participated in the fundraising for the new center. It's great to be able to honor her for her many years of service to women's athletics programs," Cagigas said.

Students like senior Heather Jones feel fortunate to have access to such an up-to-date athletic facility.

"We can exercise in a great atmosphere with state of the art equipment," Jones said.

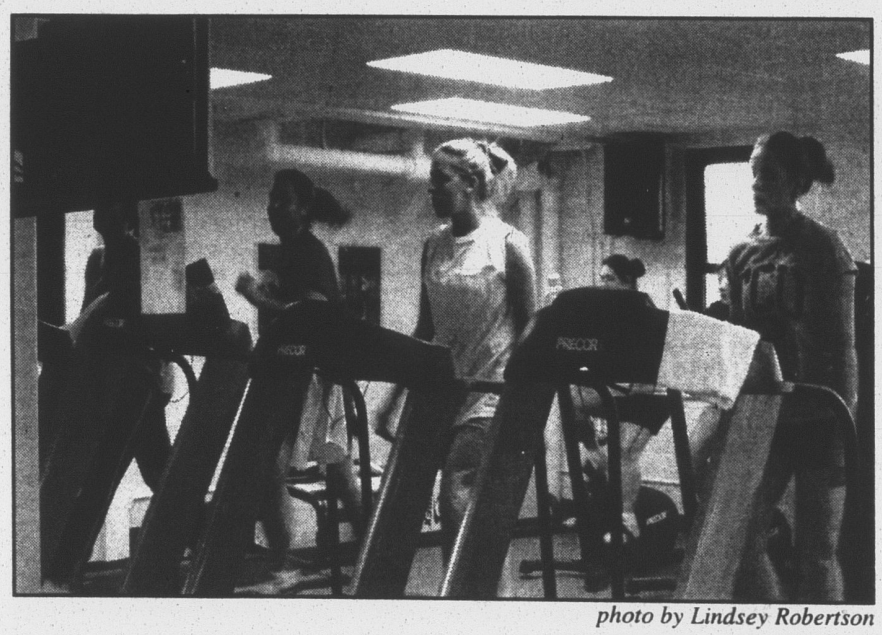

photo by Lindsey Robertson

Students use the new equipment in the Marge Walker Recreation Center.

Walker retired in 1993. The dedication was open to the public and tours were conducted the day after the ceremony.

For more information on the new recreation center, contact Jim Dafler at 724-946-7313.

Campus briefs from the digital 88.9 newsroom

Spring Course Schedule Now Available

The spring class schedule is available. The Registrar sent out copies to faculty and students this week. The Registrar's Office wants students to start getting ready for next month's registration now. Registration runs from November 10th to the 13th. And college officials say students should contact their advisors and schedule appointments for advising beginning next week.

Econ & Business Professor Knows Blood Banks

Economics and Business Chair Tom Rosengarth knows a lot about blood banks because he's donated blood more than 45-times during regular blood drives. Rosengath says it's just a good habit he's gotten into it. Rosengarth says he believes it's such an important thing to do. The Red Cross came to the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church on Thursday for a blood drive.

Jazz & Java

The Jazz Ensemble will take advantage of the intimate setting the new Campus Center provides by staging a lounge concert this week. The free Jazz and Java Lounge concert begins at 7:30 Friday evening in the student lounge of the McKelvey Center. The Ensemble will feature tunes from jazz greats Miles Davis and Billy Strayhorn.

Residence Hall Sprinkler Installation Continues

Westminster's $2 million sprinkler installation program for residence halls will continue next summer. Galbreath, Shaw and Jeffers halls will have systems installed by the beginning of classes next fall. College President Tom Williams says Westminster is taking a proactive approach in making the residence halls safe while taking advantage of a state-backed incentive. The college gets a guaranteed interest rate for the loan it borrows to install sprinkler systems.

Amish Buggies & Orange Traffic Triangles

The Amish scored a victory in Pennsylvania Superior Court this week. The court says a conservative Amish sect near Johnstown doesn't have to use the orange traffic triangles on its buggies. The state requires the triangles on slow-moving vehicles—the Amish community here in the New Wilmington area DOES use the triangles. The Amish sect in Cambria County argued to the court that the triangles go against its stricter beliefs.

Frat House Inspections

Westminster's Campus Safety Committee is working to wrap up its regular inspection of frat houses. For the past month the committee has inspected three of the four active fraternity houses. During the inspection a two-person team looks for possible fire and safety hazards. One of the good things the inspection teams have come across is the new $150,000 sprinkler system added to the Sig Ep's house.

W&J Student Death

A Washington and Jefferson College student made a disturbing discovery this week when he found his roommate dead. Officials say the student died from a drug overdose. The body of the 22-year old student was found slumped over his dorm room desk on Monday.

Local DA & Media Meet @ Westminster

Lawrence County District Attorney Matt Mangino comes to Westminster College to go face with face with the media-- but it's not a news conference. Mangino will moderate a workshop on Government and the Media. The panel met in the Campus Center Theater at 4 PM on Tuesday. In addition to having the D.A. on hand reporters from local radio, television stations and the New Castle News participated.

Blood Drive Scheduled

Faculty, staff and students rolled up their sleeves this week to donate blood. Blood drive organizers say they still need donors. The Red Cross came to town on Thursday for a blood drive at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church. Blood Drive coordinator Beth Brooks says more than 120 people have signed up for the drive so far - but they need at least 130. She says those who give always touch the lives of people they will never meet.

Green Party March

Some Westminster students marched over the weekend—but you didn't see them in the homecoming parade. They marched at a Green Party rally in New Castle. The Saturday rally at Kennedy Square was part of the Green Party's resolution calling for the repeal of the Patriot Act. The Green Party is also protesting against the Bush administration policies concerning Iraq, the economy, and the war on drugs.

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SPORTS

World Series provides high entertainment, lacks drama

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

This year's baseball playoffs have been one to remember. Both league championship series went to seven games and there was high drama in each. Most of the baseball world was hoping for a Chicago Cub, Boston Red Sox World Series. However, we got the exact opposite. While the New York Yankees and Florida Marlins aren't going to provide the drama that a Cubs, Red Sox series will, it certainly won't be lacking entertainment wise.

The Florida Marlins have been one of the most exciting teams in all of baseball since the beginning of August. They've played in so many important games during the regular season, that they won't be rattled in pressure situation in this World Series (look at games 1 and 4 for example).

Most everyone could have predicted a Marlin victory in Game 1. The Yankees were coming off such an emotional victory over the Boston Red Sox two nights before that if would have been nearly impossible for them to be totally focused for Game 1. The Yanks however bounced back nicely in games two and three, winning both of them. Game 3 almost seemed like a must-win for the Marlins. They were coming back home with their ace pitcher on the mound. It was a tight game up until the final inning until Bernie Williams' three-run homer clinched the victory for New York.

Just when it seemed like New York was going to put the series out of reach, the Marlins come storming back. Falling behind three games to one against the mystique of the New York Yankees wouldn't be easy to overcome. Florida came out firing and was up 3-1 for much of the game. In the top of the 9th inning, the Yankees scored two runs to send the game into extra innings. After a couple of close calls, the Yankees brought in reliever Jeff Weaver who hadn't pitched at all the entire postseason. The first batter he faced smacked the game-winning homer over the leftfield fence.

The Yankees had all of the momentum going into Game 4 and easily could've taken a commanding 3-1 lead in the series. However, the Marlins clawed their way to another victory and have now made it a best of three series.

New York is clearly the better team, but Florida is a scrappy bunch. They weren't supposed to beat the Giants but they did. They weren't supposed to come back from a 3-1 lead against Chicago, but they did. Heck, they weren't even supposed to make the playoffs. It's tough to go against the Yankee mystique in late October, but if sports fans have learned anything this year, it's that you can't overlook anyone. Right, Chicago?

Titans conquer Tomcats 14-13

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

On Saturday, October 18th, as many alumni returned to New Wilmington for Homecoming, the Westminster Titans survived a late scare to defeat the Thiel Tomcats, 14-13.

With just under 20 seconds left to play, Thiel sophomore kicker Paul Stibich attempted a 47-yard field goal. The kick hung in the wind off of Lake Brittain only to nail the crossbar, preserving the Titan win.

"When the ball left the kicker's foot I didn't think it had a chance to reach the goal line," sophomore on-looker and baseball player Brenton Gilmore said. "It must've caught a gust of wind though, because it just hung there and carried to the crossbar."

With the win, the Titans evened their record to 3-3 and 2-1 in the President's Athletic Conference.

Offensively, the Tomcats held the Titans in check. Junior running back Scott Froelich carried the ball 24 times for 48 carries. However, Froelich posted two touchdown runs of two and 24 yards.

Senior quarterback Joe Getsy was five of 13 for 61 yards. His favorite target, senior wide receiver Brian Ekis, hauled in three passes for 52 yards.

While the Tomcats thwarted the Titan's offensive attack, the Titans' defense shined.

Junior linebacker Jerry Bonenberger had a monstrous day for the Titans, registering 14 tackles and one quarterback sack.

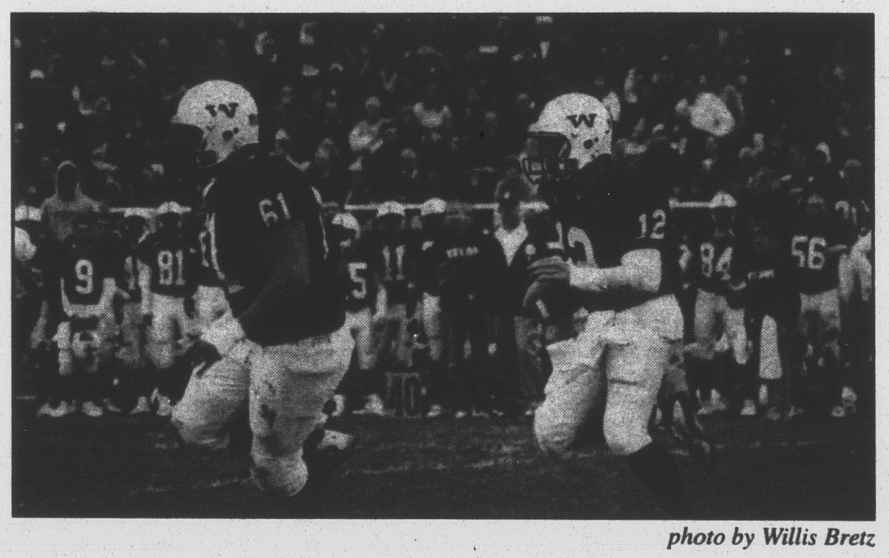
"We did what we wanted to in terms of stopping them when we needed to," Bonenberger said. "I mean, when we really needed the plays we got them. From Nick [Fritch] stopping runs to Kevin's [Kresinski] interception, we just tried to crack heads."

While Bonenberger and the rest of the defensive front stuffed the run, the Titan secondary held the Tomcat passing attack in check.

Junior safety Kevin Kresinski broke up one Tomcat pass, while intercepting another. On the interception, Kresinski raced down the Thiel sideline before being caught on the two. On the next play, Froelich plunged in for the score.

Senior safety Mike Cubellis also added an interception and a pass breakup, while sophomore corner back Tom Froelich added a pass breakup and a blocked extra point: his third blocked kick of the season.

The Titans host PAC opponent Grove City on October 25 at Burry Stadium. Kickoff is at 1 p.m.



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Glenn Silvidi leads the way for quarterback Joe Getsy.

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

Quit racing!

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I'm sleepy

Goods to beef.

Bacon bagel

I never wrote a Rant and Rave before, please print it.

Grove City needs to stay off our grass on Saturday. (the field)

Why aren't the fitness center and Marge Walker center open before 1 pm? Students want to exercise in the morning!

Come to the special midnight showing of the Complete Works of William Shakespeare...

Why can't we choose our own television station while shooting pool in the student union?

Would someone please tell us why the McKelvey balcony is locked? Why'd you build it?

Don't be so quick to walk away...dance with me.

C'mon, feel the noise...Girls rock your boys!

Alright who's the bum always sleepin in the club room?

Why were parking passes $5 in high school but $30 here?

Pie in the face now!

Smokers, how difficult is it to locate and properly use an outside ashtray?

Hold!

I'm so glad my professor tells me I suck and says she is going to fail me and yet won't help me!

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinons.

Our View: Kill Some Trees

You see them everywhere – signs, signs, everywhere are signs. Signs trumpeting the 19th, 20th, and 21st birthdays of students, signs promoting campus events, signs protesting political actions and celebrating political candidates, signs from sorority mothers to their daughters and vice versa, signs advertising radio shows, and signs naming times and locations of meetings.

We need to stop this.

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It cannot be said whether or not the printers have been used for academic purposes, but looking around campus, it is quite obvious that a lot of the ink and paper was used for these signs. Now, the administration is considering charging students after they have printed a certain allotment of pages, due to the incredible amount of things printed in the labs.

We as students already pay a good sum in InfoTech fees to this college. Some would argue that these fees alone should cover the cost of any printing we would like to do.

The Administration contends, however, that the current fees do not cover the expenses. The question that we as paying students face is whether or not we will choose to have this fee placed on us through continuing to print so much, or whether we will act responsibly and control our printing compulsions.

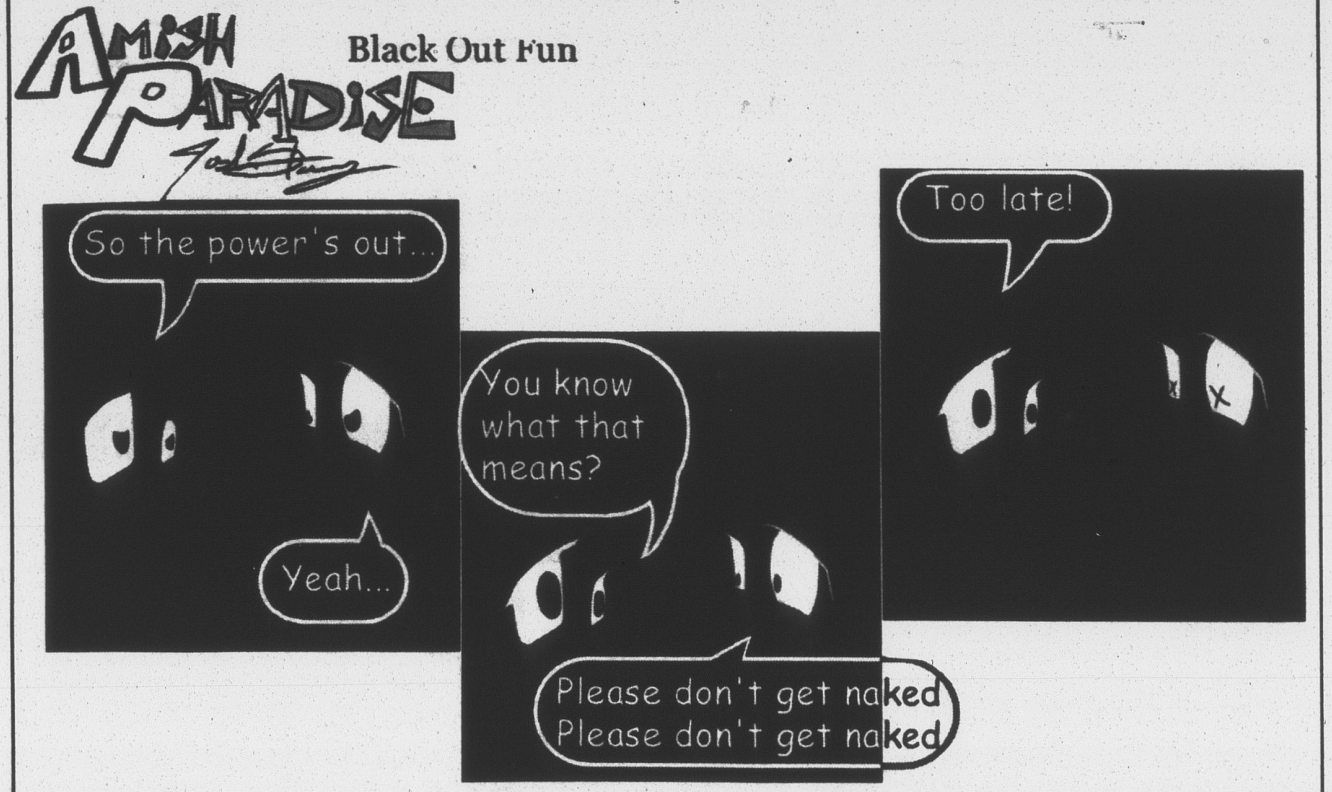
Academic reasons are primarily why the labs exist. The labs, simply put, are not there so that people's birthdays can be celebrated with leaflets showing pictures of these people drunk or asleep.

The labs are not there so that a sorority parent can say how much she loves her sorority daughter or so a sorority daughter can say how much she loves her sorority parent or grandparent or godparent or aunt or niece or sister or second cousin twice-removed.

The labs do not exist so that a politically-minded individual can print out multiple signs proclaiming their hatred of the President, or their love of him. The labs exist so that students may print out work, or academic resources so that they can be better students.

The situation is this: If people continue printing so much, we will be charged for it. Perhaps that is a good plan – it will prevent the students who do all the printing from printing so much.

However, the students who use the labs for academic purposes will ultimately suffer for other people's mistakes. The Westminster community needs to think about what it will print before they press that button, or else everyone will foot the bill.



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Letter to the Editors

Dear Editor,

The Westminster College Green Party has been hearing some complaints about some of the signs hanging on campus. We would like to take this time to address these complaints. All signs in relation to the WC Green Party bare our name. This is both a way for the student body to recognize where various stances on issues are coming from and for our organization to promote itself.

First, the majority of the signs people have been saying things about are the issues based statement signs around campus. While the Green Party may ideologically agree with many of these statements, the signs were actually independently hung up by "your resident liberal," Richard Marmura. We are not reveling this information out of any contempt for Marmura. We just wanted to clear up this common misconception.

The other issue with the signs has been personally brought up to members of our organization as well as voiced in the Holcad's Rant and Rave column. This issue is the large amount of paper that is used in flyer advertisements on our campus. As many of you know, one of the Green Party's 10 Key Values is Ecological Wisdom. This makes this issue a very important one to us. While our organization realizes the importance of cutting down on paper consumption it also realizes the need to advertise through various means, one of these being flyering.

The WC Green Party would like to suggest a number of ways to cut down on paper use and the environmental impact associated with the use of flyers.

1) First and foremost, Recycle, Recycle, Recycle. I think most people can agree with this once leftist-hippie-pinko-commie-radical idea. Recycling not only saves the environment it actual saves money and helps add to raw material stock, thus helping our economy. Many businesses and environmentalists have finally found a common ground and embraced this once radical idea

2) Second, try to use only half sheets of paper instead of full pages

3) Third, try to keep flyering down to event announcements ONLY

4) Fourth, utilize all mediums including, newspaper, radio, TV and the internet

We would like to thank that student body for expressing their concerns about the environment so that this letter would need to be written.

Sincerely,
Ken Jae and The Westminster College Green Party

Guest Editorial: Siegfried and Roy's Big Mistake

by Josh Plotnik
Cornell Daily Sun (Cornell U.)

ITHACA, N.Y. -- "After rolling around in the grass together, [a Siberian tiger named Sahra] suddenly laid on top of me and pinned me down. Our eyes met and I realized she was no longer playing, she was about to bite me. Trusting my instincts, I raised my head and bit her nose as hard as I could ... she never attempted to bite me again."When Roy Horn bit his Siberian tiger Sahra as hard as he could on the nose, the tiger probably associated severe pain with the trainer, and backed off. Nonetheless, if Sahra did not recognize Horn, in some capacity, or had she been very hungry, the memory of that pain may not have been enough to prevent her from killing him.

On Oct. 3, Roy Horn tried to get the attention of his white tiger Montecore by hitting him on the head with a microphone. That act alone, in my opinion, was the catastrophic move in decades of misdirection. Striking a 600 pound predator on the head with a handheld instrument is not an adequate method to convey dominance. In fact, it let Montecore know that Roy Horn was vulnerable, and that was a deadly mistake.

Siegfried Fischbacher's claims that the tiger was trying to help and protect "his trainer and friend, Roy" who had fallen down on the stage that night are misleading. I do not doubt that these tigers have some sort of bond with their trainers, but I am positive that a wild animal's instincts for survival will always surface when that animal feels threatened or suddenly empowered. Safe interactions between people and tigers cannot exist because those instincts can never be suppressed.

Siegfried and Roy's show, as it has existed for years, may be finished forever. Whether it should have ever been allowed to go on in the first place is under investigation by numerous authorities, including the United States Department of Agriculture.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

Kill Bill (vol. 1)

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

No Bills were harmed in the filming of this movie, considering Volume Two comes out in February. Much hype has gone into the decision to split this movie in two.

Quentin Tarantino wanted two volumes released within weeks of one another. Fans, of course, wanted to pay for just one ticket. But Harvey Weinstein, the God of Miramax, decided to make us wait four months between the two volumes.

Maybe it was a marketing ploy, maybe not, but it doesn't really matter because Kill Bill: Volume One slapped us in its kung fu grip and we can't wait for Volume Two.

This is not a plot-central movie. No Oscars are expected. Imagine every bad martial arts movie you've ever flipped past on TNT and give it a budget and good actors. Boom, you got Kill Bill.

Uma Thurman is The Bride. At her wedding, four assassins employed by Bill, all former coworkers, murder the entire wedding party, including The Bride, and her unborn baby. Despite a bullet to the head, The Bride lives. After awaking from a four year coma, what else would she do other than seek revenge? This Volume focuses on seeking revenge on two of the assassins, O-Ren Ishii (Lucy Liu) and Vernita Green (Vivica A. Fox).

All the while, putting together the who, whats, and whys of what happened, and killing a few hundred people along the way. Volume One ends with The Bride about to seek revenge on the other two assassins and Bill himself.

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Like all Quentin Tarantino movies, this one is not a linear story. While not as convoluted as Pulp Fiction, the story structure manages to make every scene even more exciting than one would have had originally experienced in a linear story.

One cannot emphasize how much the actual plot doesn't really matter. The Bride is going to get revenge and Bill will die, simple as that. So the focus of this film is having fun with the action sequences and direction. All types of action are seen, ranging from sword play to knife fights, gun battle, and even an eighty on one fight sequence.

The important thing is each battle is completely unique, with no identical moves to be found. The other thing about these battles is that they're some of, if not the most violent, gory scenes ever put on screen.

Each time a limb is cut off, the bodies spew more blood than one can probably hold, but it is this effect that makes all this violence nearly comical and enjoyable.

If the violence was realistic, than it would be harder for the viewer to sympathize with the heroine. The movie even goes as far as to switch from color to black and white during the bloodiest of fight scenes in an effort to keep emotions in check.

One of the most important things about this movie was the acting. Most action movies would never appeal to general audiences with a female lead.

Uma Thurman's performance breaks this stereotype or should we say, hacks it to pieces? Following the steps of Sigourney Weaver, women can now, once again, show onscreen that they can be tough with more than just their minds.

As far as the rest of the cast, it's nearly all female with Vivica A. Fox and Lucy Liu as the other main nemesis in Volume One. In other words, this is a movie for women who want to kick ass.

This movie was an awesome throwback to old school kung fu that hasn't been seen since the seventies. The squeamish should stay away, but if one can get past the blood, than they are guaranteed a good time.

This volume can stand on its own, but since it's not the entire story, its not as good as the finished product will be. For these reasons, we'll give it a B+.

But if you like ninjas and kung fu like Bruce Lee in Enter the Dragon, this is an A+ (there's even a tribute to Lee's cult favorite Yellow Jumpsuit).

Silly books, fanfiction is for kids

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

If you're like me, and I know you are, you've walked away from a movie thinking "Well, that was cool, but what if..." Fear not, for there is an entire online community full of what-if thinkers. Slowly surfacing from the underground, the world fanfiction writers take those ideas and turn them to stories starring your favorite fictional characters.

Before I go any further, I'd like to offer up a brief idiot's guide to fic-speak. A huge issue in the community is canon versus fanon. Canon refers to the characters and details that are true to the original work. The counterpart is fanon, "facts" about the original that have never been explicitly told to us by the creators, but have become so commonly used in the fandom that they are taken as fact. That brings us to fandom, a term that refers to the community of people who are fans of a series or show, especially referring to, the community of people who read and write fanfiction.

One of the weirdest points of fandom is the shippers. The term "ship" originated in X-files fandom, where it was used to describe fanfic about a romantic relationship between Mulder and Scully. Soon, people who supported this ship were calling themselves "shippers." These terms are a huge part of the Harry Potter fandom, so someone who thought Ron & Hermione were meant for each other would call themselves an "R/H shipper." Last but most certainly not least is the premise of slash, which is fanfic including a homosexual relationship, either male or female. Of course slash fanfic doesn't necessarily include graphic sex or have homosexuality as the focus of the story.

Moving on. The mother of all fanfic sites is fanfiction.net. There, you can read an amateur's expansion story on just about anything. The site covers anime, books, cartoons, comics, games, movies, TV shows and everything in between. I swear on all things holy there are over a thousand Bible related fics, my personal favorite being "Jesus Goes to Hogwarts." I was somewhat disappointed by the number of Babysitter's Club fics. And equally weirded out by the amount of slash going on. Just, ewww. True to form, the site boasts almost one hundred thousand Harry Potter stories.

That brings us to one of the craziest fandoms out there - Harry Potter's. The hub of it all is located at fictionalley.net. This site takes itself quite seriously, and the proof is in the pudding. These are some very serious writers; a number of them are true pros. The reigning queen of it all is a writer who goes by the penname Cassandra Claire. She took the dichotomy of the Draco/Harry relationship and turned it on its head with her Draco Trilogy. If you're a fan of the books and have a free weekend, or two, I highly recommend hopping on over and reading her stuff. Her style is in sync with Rowling's, so much that you wish Cassie's world were true instead. Yes, I admit it. HP fanfic is my anti-drug.

The Buffy the Vampire Slayer fandom writers also offer a lot to the genre. http://btvswritersguild.dymphna.net is a quality site. It offers a ton of resources for the beginning writer, a directory of beta readers to proof and primp your story, and links for references.

I have to make mention of another great Cassie Claire creation, the Very Secret Diaries of the Fellowship, a great subtexty parody of the famous Lord of the Rings cast. Located at http://home.nyu.edu/~amw243/diaries/, readers can take a peak into the secret ramblings of our favorite characters. Legolas finishes each entry proclaiming he is "still the prettiest," Aragorn laments about when he will finally become king, and of course, Sam will kill you if you try anything. Also, innuendo turns dangerous when paired with the Horn of Gondor and Gandalf's "pointy hat trick."

So, for you "what-ifers" out there, fics can be found through any general search engine, through a simple key word search. I personally ask Jeeves for help. And as the BtVS Writer's Guild says, "fanfiction makes anything possible."

Bob Newhart's stand-up lacks comic appeal

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Reveiwer

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, Celebrity Series brought Bob Newhart's unique blend of comedy to our own Orr Auditorium. While I have to shamefully admit that I seem to have missed Newhart's earlier days in the comedy business, and I have never seen a single episode of The Bob Newhart Show, I can tell you that his current career in the entertainment industry is still in full swing.

Westminster was very honored to be one of Newhart's 30 stops on his comedy tour this year. Newhart will appear in an upcoming episode of ER, and some of you may have also noticed his co-starring role alongside Reese Witherspoon in Legally Blonde 2. He will also be co-staring in Will Ferrell's new movie Elf.

Now that I've got the promotional nonsense out of the way, let me get to the actual review of the show. The show opened up with an amazing performance by the Westminster College Jazz Ensemble. This was the best part of the show, in my opinion, and really pumped me up (if jazz can do that to you) for the Jazz and Java show in the McKelvey club room at 7:30 on Friday night. John Westcott looked just like Max Weinberg

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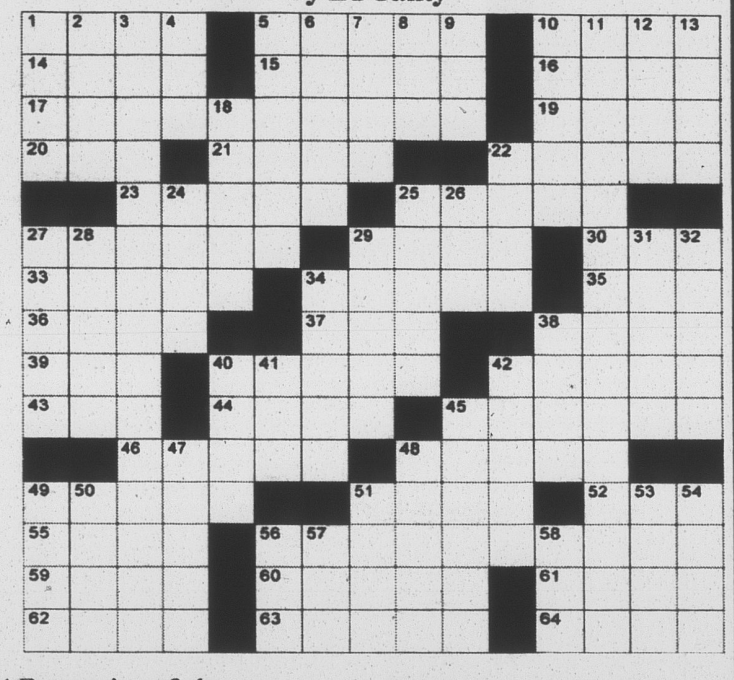
Crossword 101

Some Old Flicks

By Ed Canty



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33 Bermuda, for one
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36 Gun jerk
37 Porkpie
38 Amusement park device
39 JFK initials
40 Barrel part
42 Dance
43 Room
44 Masquerade
45 Speckled
46 Name the price
48 Dressing type
49 Burst
51 R & B singer Braxton
52 Self-importance
55 Travels
56 Jodi Foster's '88 movie
59 Kind of club
60 Health care provider
61 Accumulation of money
62 Shipped
63 Teepees
64 Singles

Down

1 Profits
2 Pine
3 Bogart's '51 movie
4 Expression of pleasure
5 Cummerbunds
6 Ponies up
7 Frightful
8 Dead heat
9 Poet's oft used word
10 Kind of twang
11 Poitier's '61 movie
12 '98 *Hurlyburly* star
13 Follows big or down
18 Driver's maneuver
22 ____ gin fizz
24 Facial expression
25 Strong point
26 Pompous fool
27 Jested
28 Connect
29 Smooth
31 File a formal complaint
32 Manipulate dough
34 Pursue
38 Basic training for Lts.
40 Blemish
41 Bambino
42 Two-dimensional figure
45 Tangoes
47 Distressed
48 Friar's Club event
49 ____ Benedict
50 Part
51 Slender gull
53 Hackman
54 Gambler's probability
56 Explosive
57 Tinge
58 Extraterrestrial vehicle?

Quotable Quote

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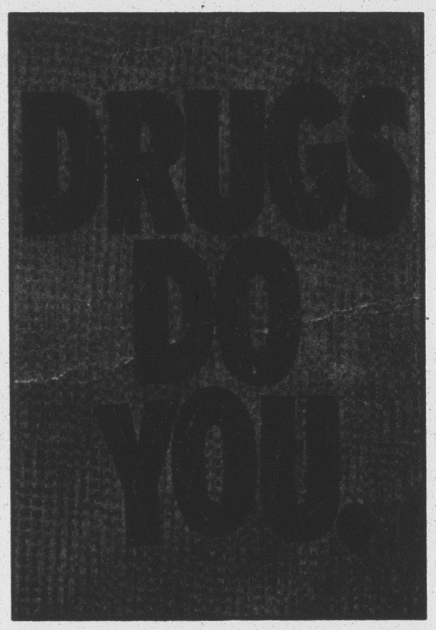

HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
You may have a tough time with changes on a personal level. Since these changes are going to take place without your say-so learn to accept them. Pay attention to your home life, your family needs your input - expressing positive feelings will do wonders.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
New ideas need to be shared, and the feedback of others may improve the concepts. It's time to make way for a new approach. Time out may be a welcome change in your love life - although there is love, the day to day routine may have become boring and tedious.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Your need for solitude and quiet may be hard to achieve. Make the necessary compromises, meeting all responsibilities, but keep your input at a minimum. Try not to be so generous with money, or you may come up short yourself. Expect defiance from those not wanting change.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Use all available resources in the most economic and efficient way possible in order to reach your goal. You might have to do some juggling, but the extra effort will be worth it. Others will end up amazed at how much you were able to do, with so few resources.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Perfection is not required, and will no doubt be impossible to achieve. Assuming any type of superior stance will aggravate those around you, try to leave well enough alone. You have a great deal to think about, especially concerning personal matters, take time to do so.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Resist any suggestion or manipulation that tries to get you to give more than you've got in terms of time, money and energy. Standing up for yourself will give you a great feeling of success, boosting your confidence tenfold. Don't budge on what you believe.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Show your appreciation to your friends and family. You have lots to give those you love, and revealing those feelings more often will bring you joy and peace. Financial success will be tied to a raise or promotion - and if not now, advancement is in the very near future.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Learning something new will give you a feeling of joy and confidence that you can share with friends and loved ones. You are currently riding on a crest of continued success either at work or on the home front, so be prepared for any unexpected difficulties.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
What has previously seemed like a potential disaster, probably concerning a relationship, may instead turn out positive and provide you with new opportunities to create a more stable and loving closeness. If you find yourself in a rut, do something about it now.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Any investments, especially in the area of real estate or stocks, can provide you with excellent returns. Communicate clearly with experts in these fields before you make your move. Try to let a troublesome problem take care of itself. Enjoy time with your mate.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
If you feel pressured about making a choice, insist on more time to gather the information and think about what you really want from all this. It's best to delay any decision, instead of trying to undo what you never should have done in the first place. Practice moderation.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
If you are finding yourself constantly letdown, it may be time to re-examine your expectations - unrealistic expectations of others will only cause you grief. Compromise is a key word for the week. Certain matters are not worth worrying about, since you cannot change them.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You may be having the nagging feeling that there's something you should be doing, but you can't remember just what it is. This may just be a sign that you are moving forward toward a new future that hasn't become apparent to you yet.

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when he played the drums, John Tomaszewski did a great job on the guitar, and Katherine Duncan sang like an angel, oh la la! Chris Dearbeck, "the saxophone master", who also had some great solos during the show, commented on the opportunity to play for a bigger audience.

"It was fun to play in front of a crowd that large. I wish we had the same amount of people showing up to the concerts that the music department puts on throughout the year, and the sad thing is our concerts are free. We may not have an old guy babbling on for an hour and a half, but we do play some quality music and play it well", Dearbeck said.

It may be rude of me to use Chris's comments as a segue into the comedy part of the show, but he summed it all up fairly well. While I can only say great things about my fellow student's ability to play sweet jazz music, I can also only tell you what I know about Mr. Newhart. And I do know this, everyone I talked to said he wasn't a very nice person, his jokes weren't very funny and some of them seemed to be somewhat racist. I won't get into the racist issue in this piece because much of it is a matter of opinion. It's just that telling people, whoever they may be, not to adopt Vietnamese children because they will eat your dog and then teach your children math may be considered to be a bad joke by some people.

I made a comment to an older gentleman standing next to me. I said, "I'm not sure if it's a generational thing or what, but this isn't very funny." The man just laughed and said, "Yeah, I guess it must be."

Now, don't get me wrong Newhart's not an unfunny guy. I'm just not quite sure why he's standing in front of a sold out crowd at Orr and half of the comedians the CPC brings to campus can't fill the McKelvey club room. Last year, a comedian by the name of Finesse Mitchell came to our campus. Mitchell is now a member of the highly acclaimed Saturday Night Live. You already pay a activities fee, take advantage of it while you can still see some real funny stuff right here right now. If you learn what good comedy is now, you might not end up seeing some over the hill ball man's comedy show 40 years from now.

In other news, Don McLean of American Pie fame (the song, not the movies) will be the Celebrity Series' guest for its Christmas show on Saturday 13 December.

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The Titan Marching band hits the pavement for the parade.

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Phi Mu's Robin Hood float won first prize.

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FEATURE

Interactive Story of the Week: Squirrels

The Interactive Story of the Week *is written by students, faculty and staff across campus who each add a line at random to the story. Names of students who participated follow their additions to the story. Names of students who participated follow their additions to the story. The views, opinions or misuse of grammar in no way reflect the attitude of the Holcad staff.*

It was a dark and stormy night, and Chip the squirrel was caught in the rain. He scampered across the quad and found safety in the large glass building (*Laurel Swope*). He tripped over an umbrella but finally made it far inside the building (*Abby Ball*).

Chip was feeling safe now, until he looked up at three horrifying creatures (*Dan Prokop*). Then the creatures started to move and the squirrel became very scared (*Mike Hill*). So he ran out of there, and headed towards Eichenhauer Hall in search of safety (*Tim Snyder*).

Chip was halfway across the bridge when he was suddenly scooped up, dangling in the air, and his screams were lost in the wind (*Terra Dobbins*). Chip could not get a good look at the creature because it was too dark, but then suddenly someone screamed "Put that squirrel down!" (*Shannon McClain*)

photos by Megan Sigler

Students are getting a little "squirrely" this time of year

Chip looked up to see a ninja, garbed in black as ninjas always are, clutching a katana, with Death in his eyes (*Dino Perry*).

When it seemed like all hope was lost, his friend Harry the groundhog ran by his side (*Amanda Hauger*).

But all was lost as the three ugly creatures from before jumped from the shadows and ate them all on the spot. THE END.

A poor-woman's quantum physics guide

by Carolyn Miller
Resident Time Traveler

I'm not a physics major. I have a feeling that if I was, I'd either have changed majors by now or wouldn't have the time to even write this. I've never actually even taken a physics course, as the whole concept of physics scares me enough to steer very clear of the entire subject. Yes, I realize that physics are essential to understanding the way the world works, but in this case, I'll make an exception and stay ignorant to the whole process.

I do pay attention to certain things – take inertia, for example. It's a simple enough concept. If you're running down the street, chasing after a friend of yours, and then they stop abruptly, their body will get pushed a little further because it was already moving. We all know this from both experience and middle school education. We also know that if that person is cruel enough to stick out their foot and trip you, that inertia also throws you forward onto the pavement. It doesn't say anything about how you get your revenge on that so-called 'friend,' however.

Along with the concept of movement is the idea of time. Time is simple enough, right? It's a clock that ticks away second by second, minute by minute, each tick a little closer to the deadline for that 10-page paper you started the night before it was due. Now, I'll gladly admit to not knowing the exact scientific definition or explanation on time, seeing as my attention likes to float away from topics like that and focus on things like kitties. However, I have been able to concentrate on the subject long enough to come up with a theory. On time, not kittens.

A clock is a measuring tool – a tool we use to coordinate events in everyday life. We have watches and alarm clocks set to the same time so that we can all be in the same place at the same moment in time. Or perhaps to make sure that certain events occur at a moment when it's most beneficial to happen. Sometimes we use clocks to make sure we're using the desirable amount of time for a certain activity – timing sports events, the length of a trip from one house to another, or filling blank space on a radio broadcast.

So a clock measures time, but what determines time? Every motion we make, every piece of grass that moves in the wind, every molecule that shifts - each of these is an event. All of these make singular events, I believe, make time.

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Here, imagine this: it's a boring day. Nothing is going on. You're lying in the grass, staring up at the sky. Even the clouds don't seem to be moving. There's no breeze, no activity. The songbirds are even quiet. It seems that time is standing still.

But it's not standing still. Even though nothing around is moving, you're still breathing, aren't you? Your eyes are moving, your brain is working, and therefore events still happen and time moves on.

"But Carolyn!" you argue, "What about when time goes slower? Or when it goes faster? What's your theory got to say about that?" These questions are answered somewhat simply. We perceive events as they occur, second by second. If we perceive an event for the first time, then we pay attention to the little details, and since our attention is focused on one thing, the event seems to happen faster. Therefore, time speeds up. However, if we perceive an event that we've observed several times over, then there's little left to pay attention to, and the event no longer holds our interest. Thus, time slows down.

Now, I know some of this sounds silly. But in a lot of aspects, it makes sense. Time speeds up and slows down no matter what sometimes, but I think we all know that 'time flies when you're having fun.' When you're having fun, your attention is locked onto that activity, and really, that's all that matters – the experience, the fun, and knowing that you're living and doing things in the world.

The only flaw I can find in my theory is this: when you're in a boring class, where the teacher drones on and on about things that you've never heard ever before, sometimes you just can't seem to pay attention to the event. But hey, that happens no matter what sometimes, doesn't it?

No heart vs bleeding heart: Marijuana

by Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

Should there be lighter penalties for those who are caught with marijuana? After all, according to its proponents, alcohol and tobacco are just as harmful, and they're legal. So why not lighten up on those who want to light up?

Are we that quick to give up on the "war on drugs"? What happened to the America that wanted to preserve a high quality standard of living, one admirable worldwide? Since when did smoking a joint join this picturesque view of the USA?

Supporters of lessening the punishment argue that this will save the US money, because less money will be spent on the effort to keep America "drug free." What they fail to realize is that this "saved money" will be quadrupled in cost associated with substance abuse treatment centers, unemployment, healthcare, and crime: all effects of increased marijuana usage in this country should decriminalization become a reality.

Yes, those anti-marijuana commercials are kind of lame. But their points are still valid. Inhalation of marijuana does cause, among other things, the inability to properly drive a vehicle or to think clearly. In addition, according to the Canadian Center on Substance Abuse, "Marijuana smoke contains about 50% more of certain carcinogens than the same amount of unfiltered tobacco....[Also,] tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) has been shown to damage white blood cells in the lungs. As a result, heavy cannabis use may reduce the ability of the body to fight lung infections and illness." In layman's terms, this means that marijuana usage is more detrimental to your lungs than tobacco smoke. Surprise!

Also, marijuana still stands as the ultimate "gateway" drug, that is, a substance that leads to the consumption of more dangerous substances, such as heroine and cocaine. Many argue that the "gateway" theory is only myth, but if you know a user of these harder substances, ask them what they started on. Chances are they'll reply, "Weed." And we want to make usage of marijuana less criminally punishable? Why?

However, my favorite argument is that there are pot smokers against the decriminalization of marijuana. The Marijuana Party of Canada (catchy eh) organized a protest in an effort to derail Canada's effort, citing that the fines that will replace the criminal offenses will only raise revenue for the federal government, the source of all evil. So there you have it. Even marijuana users, such as the credible Marijuana Party of Canada, do not wish to see decriminalization of marijuana. So who does?

I shudder at the thought of having to walk around my own neighborhood wearing a gas mask to avoid the contact high produced by my neighbor's now tolerated drug use.

I will admit, my personal abhorrence to the decriminalization of marijuana lies foremost on moral grounds. I shudder at the thought of having to walk around my own neighborhood wearing a gas mask to avoid the contact high produced by my neighbor's now tolerated drug use. However, as you can see through my arguments, there is opposition on many fronts to the decriminalization movement. If you want to smoke weed, that's your business. But don't expect a light slap on the wrist by local authorities anytime soon.

by Richard Marmura
Resident Liberal

First off, I want to make it clear that I am not condoning nor am I endorsing the use of drugs in the article, however, I do think that certain issues regarding them must be addressed. The problems we face in the United States with the drug war are vast, however, they could be lessened should the United States legalize, or at least decriminalize marijuana.

"But why should we do that!? ALL drugs are evil!" you may be thinking to yourself, oh patient reader. However, before we continue with this article we must abandon all preconceived notions about marijuana use. Throughout our lives, through various venues (school, parents, television, etc...), we have been taught about the horrors of drugs and addiction. The goals of these programs, while noble, are not always enacted in a "correct" way. Many anti-drug programs place substances, such as marijuana, on the same level as cocaine or heroin (which most of you know is like comparing a pea shooter to a bazooka). Essentially, we teach people that marijuana is absolutely evil and has no redeeming qualities...which is certainly NOT true.

Studies have shown, that marijuana can often be used for medical purposes. Recently, the Supreme Court has struck a victory for those citizens who use marijuana to treat their usually incurable ailments. While the High Court did not rule on the merits of medical marijuana, it did rule that doctors can legally advise patients of the benefits of medical marijuana without fear of reprisals. This essentially means that, while doctors cannot prescribe the drug, they ARE allowed to express that the option is there and potentially beneficial.

We must ask ourselves if we are a country that relies on facts and logic to make our laws; or rather are we a country that follows faulty information to make counter-productive laws.

And while, legalizing marijuana for medical use should seem more than reasonable, lets go for the BIG issue; marijuana legalization for recreational use. Marijuana critics argue that marijuana must remain illegal due to its links to cancer, lung and breathing problems, reproductive issues and potential damage to the brain.

Critics also contest that marijuana leads to reduced reaction times/reflexes and can often cause lapses in judgment and memory. This all may be true, however, I argue that these risks are essentially the same as those posed by alcohol and cigarettes (which are both legal and in some degrees subsidized by the government...).

Many on the political right also use the classic argument that marijuana will lead to the "downfall and degradation of America". I think it would interesting to write an article strictly the on things that SOME on the right, throughout the years, have argued would lead to the "downfall and degradation of America". (These issues include civil rights, women's rights, non-Christian religions, gay rights, video games, rock music, the internet, and the list goes on and on...).

Others argue that the marijuana is not necessarily the problem, but rather that it may act as a "gateway drug". Addiction specialist Dr. Robert Margolis explains that marijuana use triggers dopamine to be released in the brain. "So if marijuana triggers the release of dopamine and cocaine triggers the release of dopamine and heroin triggers the release of dopamine, it makes sense that smoking marijuana may be priming the brain, getting the brain ready for these other drugs," Dr. Margolis says.

Additionally, anti-marijuana activists often cite a CASA (Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse) study that suggests that those who smoke marijuana are 85% more likely to use cocaine. This study is flawed, however, in how it is presented. It was calculated by dividing the proportion of marijuana users who have ever used cocaine (17%) by the proportion of cocaine users who have never used marijuana (.2%). Thus, the high risk-factor obtained is a product NOT of the fact that so many marijuana users use cocaine, but rather that so many cocaine users have used marijuana previously. I wonder how many of these cocaine addicts previously abused alcohol or tobacco, which are legal?

Oh, "fair and balanced" reader, we have seen the facts and the information they provide us do not match with the justification for our current laws.

Therefore, we must ask ourselves if we are a country that relies on facts and logic to make our laws; or rather are we a country that follows pointless superstitions and faulty information to make illogical and counterproductive laws.

Calendar of Events

SATURDAY
25 Board of Trustees Meetings
5:30 pm New Wilmington Borough Halloween Parade
7:00 pm Mass
8:00 pm Halloween Party (sponsored by Rotaract) — MCC Club/Lounge
8:00 pm Movie in McKelvey: Open Range — MCC 219
10:30 pm Movie in McKelvey: Pirates of the Caribbean — MCC 219
11:00 pm Night Owl Bowling (van provided to Sharon)
SUNDAY
26 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS (Turn clocks back an hour)
Zeta Tau Alpha Shoot for the Cure – Field House Intramural Gym
M Golf @ NIKE/Ocean City (MD) Classic
3:00 pm "An Afternoon of Chamber Music" — Chapel
6:00 pm Volleyball Senior Roast — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
6:15 pm IFC Meeting
7:00 pm Vespers
8:30 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – PH 311/312
8:30 pm Kappa Delta Meeting – MCC Witherspoon
9:00 pm Movie in McKelvey: Pirates of the Caribbean – MCC 219
MONDAY
27 11:40 am Chapel
5:15 pm Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
7:00 pm Mock Convention Platform Debate — MCC Student Lounge
9:00 pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting — MCC 352
9:00 pm Lambda Sigma Meeting — PH 114
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Student Lounge
TUESDAY
28 Last Day for Refund
5:00 pm Psych Club — Phillips Lecture Hall
5:30 pm SAA Meeting
6:30 pm Mock Convention Meeting — MCC 255
7:00 pm Habitat for Humanity Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Student Lounge
WEDNESDAY
29 11:30 am PRSSA Exec Meeting — MCC 352
11:40 am Faculty Forum – MCC 219
11:45 am Black Student Union Meeting — MCC 255
7:00 pm SGA Meeting – MCC 219
7:00 pm Mock Convention Platform Debate — MCC Student Lounge
9:30 pm Seekers Fellowship — MCC Witherspoon Maple
THURSDAY
30 Noon - 2:00 pm ALLIES Luncheon for Faculty — MCC Student Lounge
6:00 pm College Republicans — TC 210
6:00 - 8:00 pm Trick or Treat in Residence Halls
6:30 pm S.I.F.E. Meeting — MCC 255
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Weekend Entertainment

Jazz Ensemble

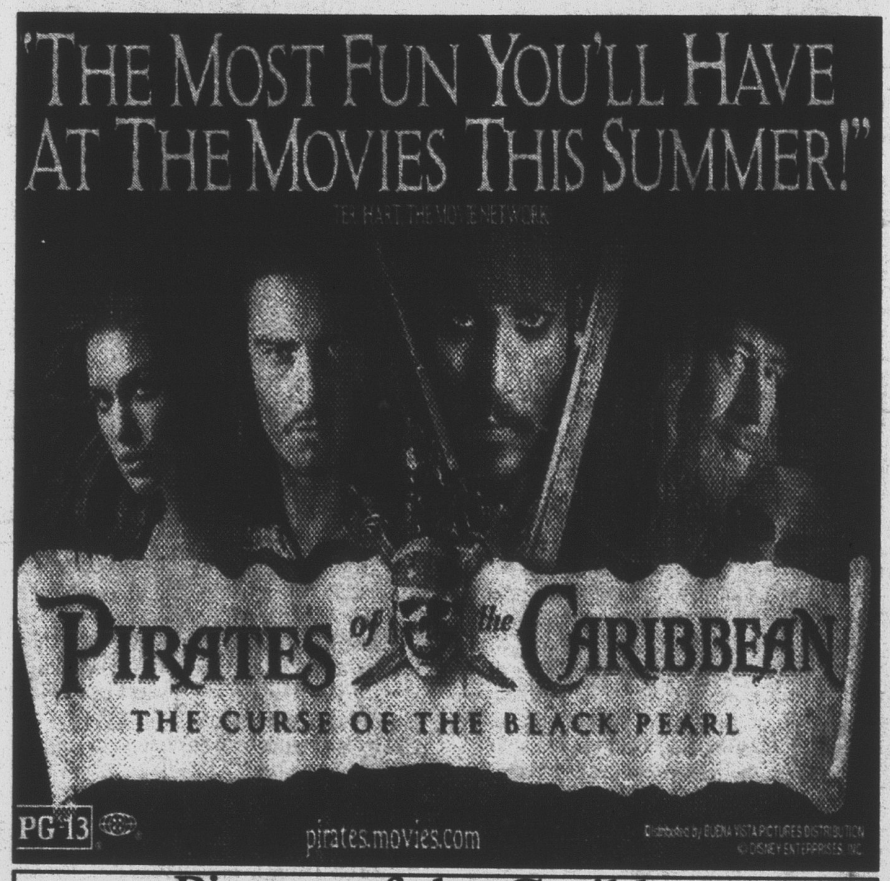
Fri. 7:30, Club Room

Halloween Party

brought to you by Rotaract

Sat. 8-10:30, Club Room

($2 charge at door)



Pirates of the Caribbean

Saturday 10:30

Sunday 9:00

Titan Tavern

Friday 10pm-2am
In the Club Room

Free Refreshments and Billiards

Night Owl Bowling

Saturday 25th

Meet: 10:45

(in front of McKelvey)

Goes until 1:30

Costs $2

Coming Soon:

Oct 30- Nov 1: Alpha Psi Omega Play

Nov. 7: Titan's Tavren

Nov. 8: Night Owl Bowling

Nov. 14: Mike Super-Magic and Illusion

Late Night in the Club Room

Every Mon, Tue, and Thur

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Open Range

Friday 10:30

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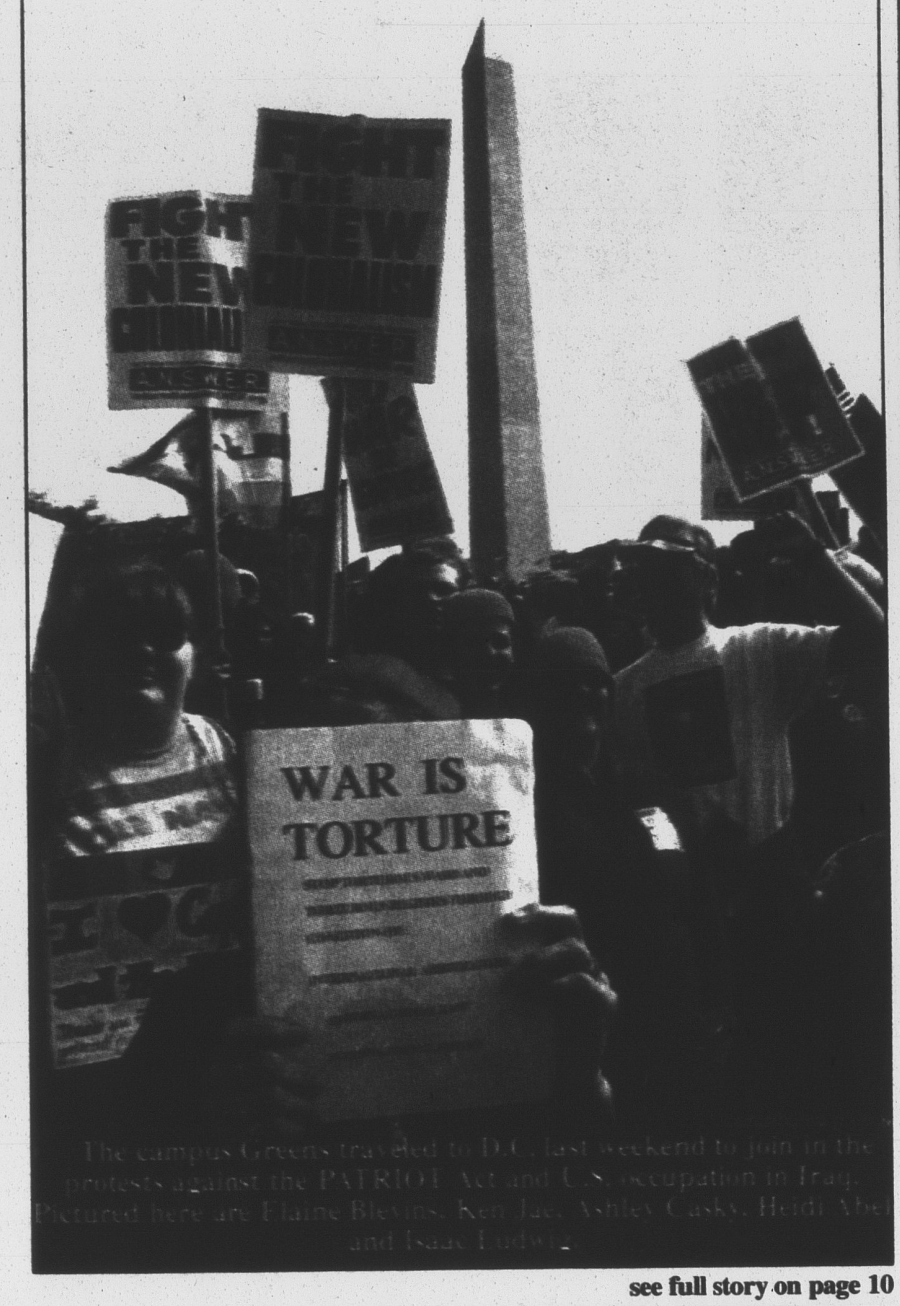

The campus Greens traveled to D.C. last weekend to join in the protests against the PATRIOT Act and U.S. occupation in Iraq. Pictured here are Elaine Blevins, Ken Jue, Ashley Cusky, Heidi Abel and Isaac Ludwig.

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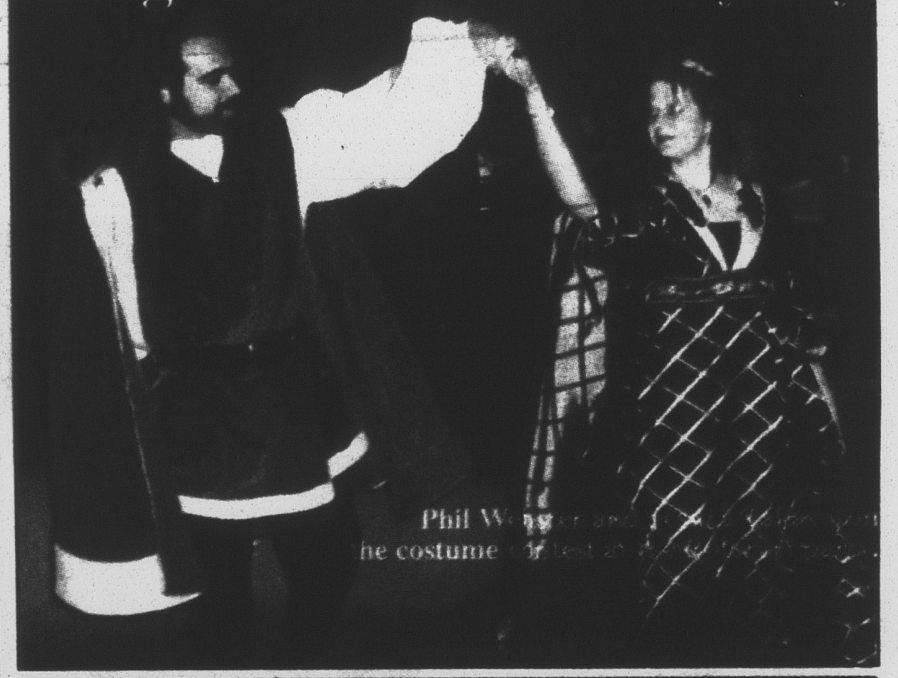
Rotoract Halloween party brings out costumed royalty



Phil W... he costume ...

Alpha Sigs 'scaring up' a good time for charity

These girls volunteered their time to help collect money at the Alpha Sigma Phi Haunted House. All of the funds raised go to the New Wilmington fire department.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Alpha Sigs host annual haunted fun

by Josh Flaim
Campus Writer

Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity's annual haunted house will not only be a creepy Halloween scare, but all of the proceeds raised will be donated to a local cause.

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi are transforming their fraternity house on 129 Waugh Avenue into a house of horrors. The haunted house will be open to the public this Tuesday through Thursday, October 28-30 from 8:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m. The cost for the event is three dollars.

The brotherhood is expecting both students as well as borough residents to participate in this philanthropic event to raise money for the local New Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department.

Alpha Sigma Phi Vice President, senior Ian Brown, is already prepared for the haunted house. "I do not care how old you are dressing up for Halloween, it is always fun," Brown said.

"Being able to help others out while doing it is definitely an added bonus," he said. The haunted house tour will begin by entering the house from the fire escape on the third floor. Groups will be led by a brother throughout the house into different rooms.

The haunted house is different than other years, because a surprise theme has been incorporated into all of the rooms. After making their ways through the haunted "fright-fest," groups will leave through the basement.

"I think that there will be a good turnout this year, because the guys have put a lot of work into it," sophomore Sarah Bouldin said.

The fraternity's goal is to raise over $500 for the volunteer fire department. Along with this charitable event, the brotherhood of Alpha Sigma Phi is also involved with K-9 Companions and the Relay for Life philanthropies. "I think that supporting philanthropies is a great aspect of Greek life here on campus," said senior Craig Rechichar, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Strobe lights, fog machines, black lights, screams and creepy costumes are just a preview of what the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi have planned for their haunted house.

So put three George Washingtons toward the local volunteer fire department and have some Halloween fun while doing so by attending Alpha Sigma Phi's haunted house.

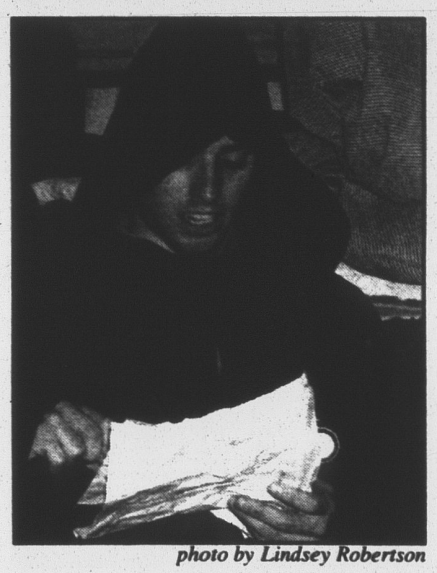

photo by Lindsey Robertson

Rotoract sponsors Halloween party

by Abby Ball
Campus Writer

On Saurday, October 25 the Club Room of the McKelvey Center was filled with a wide variety of guests. From Shirley Temple to an Amish man and from angels to little devils, attendees of the Rotoract Halloween Dance danced the night away from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

Students were charged $2 at the door and non-students were charged $3. In addition to the dance party, students were able to karaoke with the sisters of Phi Mu and there was a costume contest judged by four students. The winners of the costume contest were Jessica Takas and Phillip Webster (picutred front page) who were dressed as a medieval lord and lady. The two were awarded a Walmart gift card.

"There were so many creative costumes, it was hard to choose the best," said freshman Mike Spicuzza.

Members of Rotoract provided snacks and decorated the room with festive orange streamers and pumpkins. The club raised a total of approximately $60 during the evening. All of the proceeds were donated to the Children's Miracle Network.

"This is a big success for us," said Rotoract president, Kara Moximchalk. "It's nice to have an event that involves the entire campus in one of our projects," she said.

Rotoract is an international community service based club that is sponsored by the New Wilmington Rotary Club. Members are required to obtain community service hours through set events.

"Being a member of the club is a lot of community service but it's always fun. It never really feels like work," said Rotoract member Jennifer Pierotti.

Elizabeth Hines and Dr. David Twining are the advisors for this club. This is Dr. Twining's first year as an advisor.

"We're trying to make this a successful year with our new advisor," said Moximchalk.

The members of Rotoract are planning many projects for the year including a dance-

Lucy (Kara Moximchalk) and her Ricky.

photos by Lindsey Robertson
Students were clowning around at the party

Red Cross 'vampires' draw blood for cause

by Katie Clark
Campus Writer

The "Grateful Life Tour" made an appearance on Thursday, October 23 in the New Wilmington Area.

The American Red Cross once again visited the area for the annual all campus fall blood drive. The event was held at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church from 12 - 6 p.m.

According to the Red Cross, the "Grateful Life Tour" is a grassroots effort to raise awareness of the need for blood and to get the community excited about giving the gift of life. Blood drives and centers in Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia are participating in the tour.

In the weeks prior to the blood drive, 135 appointments were made by volunteers in the Orchard Street Café during meal times, and by e-mail.

"We had the most response from the e-mail. It was so successful that the Red Cross now uses our idea of scheduling though e-mail as their prototype for other blood drives", said Beth Brooks, student affairs secretary.

The Red Cross set a goal this year of 100 pints of blood from Westminster, and is 16,881 units of blood for the whole "grateful life tour". Students (who made up about 65 percent of the participants) and staff (who made up the remaining 35 percent) willingly donated both their blood and their time to strive for that goal.

Unfortunately, the goal was missed by 9 pints. "The whole process took longer this year, and although numerous people were able to wait, many had prior engagements and were unable to stay," Brooks said. "There were also 20 willing donors that were unable to donate because of various medical reasons," she added. The status for the whole tour is 16,487 units to date.

Beth Brooks, who has been in charge of organizing the drive for the past several years, became emotional while describing her gratitude for people's participation and patience throughout the day. For those who donated around lunch time, the wait was about 45 minutes to 1 hour, even with a scheduled appointment.

Volunteering did not have to mean donating blood, as Westminster's Greek life proved. There were 30 volunteers throughout the day, one for each hour from each of the five sororities. The volunteers were extremely helpful to ensure a smooth and successful day.

"I wanted to participate in the blood drive because it was an easy way to help out people. It made me feel good both physically and emotionally knowing that I was able to help," sophomore Kim Clute said.

The Red Cross sets several eligibility standards to ensure the safety of donors and of patients who will receive the blood. Donors must answer questions and undergo tests to ensure their eligibility before they donate. Requirements include being at least 17 year's old, weighing at least 105 pounds, and be in general good health.

As an incentive to participate in the drive, all donors received a tie-dyed t-shirts and a chance to enter into a raffle to win a palm pilot. Greg Drylie was the lucky winner of the palm pilot.

The annual spring semester blood drive will be held on March 2, and will be held in the student lounge in the McKelvey Campus Center.

"We have already come up with positive ideas to that will make for a great spring drive," Brooks said. "People sense the importance of the event. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this drive so successful. The affects will have a far reaching impact," she said.

For more information log onto www.redcrosslife.org or call 1-800-542-5663 or contact Beth Brooks at extension 7111 or e-mail at brooksbb@westminster.edu.

Cable to become endangered species

by Jaime Carter
Campus Writer

Imagine sitting in the quad and being able to access the Internet. That's right, in the middle of the quad. The coming of wireless Internet on campus will eventually make that possible.

Old Main is the first building to receive wireless Internet capabilities. According to Paul Wallace, director of Information Systems, McGill and Mack Libraries will have wireless capabilities by the end of the year. Information Systems' plan is for all of campus to be wireless, but this process will take a few years.

"At this point, no specific timetable has been established for completing the implementation of wireless networking on campus, but students and staff can expect to see wireless connectivity on campus increase on a continuing basis in the coming years," Wallace said. Sophomore elementary major Lindsay Thomas is excited

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photo by Erin Gray

Network cables are on the way out.

Students bring latest news to campus

by Laura Krutschnitt
Campus Writer

The Holcad isn't the only source for information and entertainment on campus. Students and faculty can also tune into Titan Radio - Digital 88.9 FM, The County Line and Coach's Corner.

"I think that the radio station is definitely reaching a lot more people this year, especially because it is played in the cafeteria and tub now," said senior Amanda Oliveri.

Oliveri is program director for Titan Radio. Her responsibilities include programming new music, choosing what music goes on air, overseeing the disc jockeys, and working with Carolyn Miller, the production and promotions assistant.

Titan Radio is a twenty-four hour station, so something is always on the air.

The format of the music is split this year. Mellow Top 40 hits play all day, but at 5 p.m. more hip-hop and rhythm and blues music is scheduled.

Although currently the signal only reliably reaches a few miles off campus, Dr. David Barner, department chair of communication studies, theatre and art, has filed paperwork with the Federal Communications Commission.

If the paperwork goes through, Titan Radio will be able to put out a good signal at least as far as New Castle.

"I think we're right up there with 'real' radio stations," Oliveri said

New to Titan Radio are the promotions for other broadcast-related activities, mainly those of Digital 88.9 News and The County Line.

Airing every day on Titan Radio at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. is Digital 88.9 News. Each three-minute newscast is produced and anchored by students. Digital 88.9 News is focused on keeping the campus informed of events and breaking news.

"The radio news has substantially improved. It sounds like a real radio station," Barner said. "Of everything that has happened, besides moving into the new station, that's the primary improvement. The other programs haven't changed that much."

Local residents can also tune into The County Line every Thursday night.

The County Line is a weekly newscast completely produced and aired by students. The show goes out to over 70 thousand homes. It airs on the New Wilmington Cable Channel nine and Adelphia Cable Channel ten at 7:30 p.m.

Like Titan Radio, The County Line is a learning experience for the broadcast communications students.

"People read The Holcad and they go to musical recitals and participate in psychology studies. This is just something that the broadcast department does and I think people need to see all the hard work we put into it, and benefit from the information and entertainment we put out there," said Pat Sandora, news director.

"On the Road," a lighter segment of the show, returns this year with a new reporter. Sandora and partner Tandi Lane have taken over the segment.

Sebastian Driver animatedly presents "Titan Town Sports."

"Sebastian is ridiculously funny. Besides being funny, he gives you all the news you need to know," Sandora said.

Coach's Corner airs every Thursday night at 7 p.m., immediately before The County Line.

Craig Rechichar interviews Coach Jerome Schmitt about the previous week's game, and they give a brief look to the week ahead.

Driver presents the Presidents Athletic Conference report, and Rechichar also has a player interview.

Oliveri maintained that all of these activities are real-world experiences.

"Our professionalism on the air and everything here is as real as it gets. This is what we're learning to do in our classes. This is basically our homework - being on air, learning how to use the board, and learning how to be a professional on-air broadcaster...and I think that we couldn't be doing any better," Oliveri said.

photo by Lindsey Robertson

News director Pat Sandora works in the radio station.

Adult students take pride in their education

by Amanda Hauger
Campus Writer

The Lifelong Learning Program, part of the Continuing Education Program, will host National Nontraditional Student Week from November 3-8.

The Lifelong Learning Program is an undergraduate degree program that targets adult students. These courses are taught by faculty members and can be scheduled in the evening or daytime, according to the student's needs.

Anyone over the age of 24 that has their high school diploma or GED and wants to further their education by participating in the program is therefore considered a nontraditional student.

"Nontraditional Student Week is held to honor nontraditional students and acknowledge that they even exist," said Carol L. Yova, the Director of the Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning for more than ten years.

During this week, nontraditional students are encouraged to bring someone with them to attend a class at the college. Friends, co-workers and spouses are all welcome to come.

By inviting guests, outsiders are given the opportunity to sit in on some of the courses here and see how they like them. The scheduling of courses for Lifetime Learning Program students is extremely flexible, making it accommodating for those who do wish to continue their education and choose to do so here.

They are able to choose from daytime and evening courses or a combination of both. Daytime classes are generally 16 weeks long. A block scheduling program is about nine weeks long and a daytime and night class combination usually runs around six weeks long.

Four majors that Lifetime Learning Program students can choose from include business administration, public relations, accounting, and English.

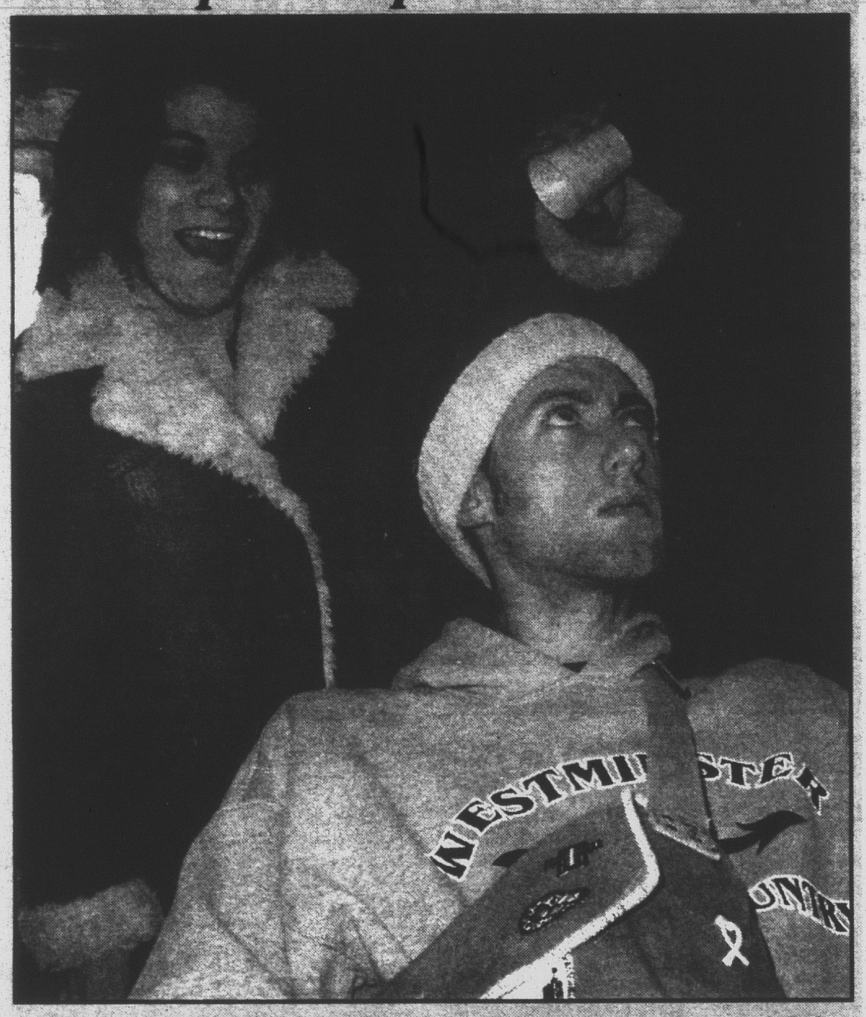
Regular students at the college have taken notice to these older people in their classrooms.

"At first it was kind of awkward to see an older gentleman sitting in the corner contributing a lot of knowledge to the younger generation of the class. But it was nice to see him putting his heart where it should be- in academics," said junior Jerry Bonenberger.

The number of nontraditional students on campus varies from year to year. According to Westminster's website, in the 1980's the average number of nontraditional students was 140. In the 1990's that number had increased to about 214.

"I think it's great that we have nontraditional students attending our college. They deserve the same education we can receive even though they are at a different stage in their life. I think we can learn a lot from their presence in the classroom because they add a new level of knowledge to the class," sophomore Kelly Johnson said.

Campus Snapshot: Drench!



In a duel of epic proportions, Lindsey Robertson and John Libert battled it out for winner of Drench.

After expanding the deadline by two weeks, Libert finally won during a show down on the quad, but he was gentlemanly enough to pose for a picture with his "mortal foe,"Robertson.

Libert will recieve a $25 gift certificate to Rachel's Roadhouse.

The Drench contest was sponsored by Seekers as a fund raiser to bring a band to campus.

photo by Erin Gray

Amensty International reaches out to community

by Andrea Thompson
Campus Writer

For students looking to reach people far beyond the boundaries of the Westminster community, Amnesty International may be the perfect organization.

Due to the inspiration of two people, Westminster has its own organization here on campus.

"This is the first year Westminster has an Amnesty chapter that I know of. It basically got started because Keturah Laney and I were talking one day and it happened to come up and that was it," sophomore Nawal Rajeh said.

Rajeh, who is also president of the organization here on campus, is really excited about Amnesty Internationals's prospects this year.

According to their website, Amnesty International is a worldwide organization that is fighting for human rights around the globe. They have a members and supporters that number more than 1.5 million.

Students make up a large proportion of that number. "There are members in more than 150 countries and 80 percent of its activists are students or young people," Rajeh said.

Associate professor, Dr. Kristin Park, who has been very active in Amnesty International, is really hopeful that this chapter will be beneficial to those in need, as well as to the students that get involved.

"I'm thrilled that Westminster students have formed a chapter to carry on such important work that also broadens our perspectives on the world," Park said.

She continues to explain that the most common way students can help and reach out is through writing letters.

"Amnesty International members primarily write letters to government officials protesting acts like arbitrary detention, torture, and incarceration of people for merely expressing views that disagree with those of their government," she said.

According to Rajeh, the goal of Amnesty International this year, is to get a letter writing campaign started and hold some educational events to help recruit members who are interested in working for this cause.

Assistant professor of political science Dr. Andrea Grove, who has also been involved with Amnesty International and is very familiar with their mission, has expressed how great an organization this is.

"It is an organization of the highest integrity with a very noble mission," she said.

Theta Chi brothers work at Six Flags Fright Fest

by Courtney Turek
Campus Writer

On October 11 and 12, brothers from the Theta Chi fraternity worked at Six Flags Worlds of Adventure in Aurora, Ohio for a fund-raiser.

Junior Bob Allen planned and organized the event to raise money for repairs on their house and costs of the Suitcase Party, in which Theta Chi is sending two winners of a drawing on a four-day trip to Florida.

"We had about 25 brothers work there over the two days," Allen said.

The brothers worked in haunted houses and trails set up around the amusement park in order to scare any visitors. They even attended a seminar presented by Six Flags on proper scaring techniques. "It works really well as a fund-raiser because it's easy and a lot of fun," Allen said.

Six Flags provided the costumes, make-up and props necessary in the scaring process. "They even airbrushed our faces black," junior Jamie Paoletta said.

The brothers worked from 4 p.m. until midnight on Saturday, and from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. on Sunday.

The fraternity will receive a paycheck in a few weeks that will cover the wages of all the brothers that worked in the park. In addition, Six Flags will provide a few free admission tickets.

Allen recommended other campus organizations to use this as a fund-raiser.

"Six Flags invites any group to come and work. The group can have anywhere from five to 25 people," Allen said.

Theta Chi earned more than $1000 and hopes to repeat this success. The brothers are planning on working at the haunted houses again over Halloween weekend.

"It was a great experience," Paoletta said. "I got to make so many kids cry."

Costumes and floats parade through town

by Kathy Woodville
Campus Writer

The 55th Annual New Wilmington Halloween Parade sponsored by the Kiwanis Club was held on October 25 at 5:30 p.m.

After the parade, there were games for children, kindergarten through sixth grade. Also, taking place was an old-fashioned cake walk. The prizes for best costumes and floats were judged by Westminster students who belong to the campus-based Circle K Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis.

"It started out as small parade," Hosie Matthews said. "There were only a handful of participants and three floats. Now there are ten floats and it draws a crowd of thousands of people."

The lineup started at 5:00 p.m, with the parade beginning at 5:30 p.m. Leading the way was the New Wilmington High school band. The local Fire Department with their truck followed. The Fire department has encouraged other local departments from New Bedford and Volant to join in the celebration.

"There are no entrance fees," Matthews said. "Local merchants provide the monetary prizes." The top float receives $50.00, with amounts for second, third and fourth places. Costumes are judged in the categories for singles, doubles, groups and families. There are also first through fourth places for costumes with the top prize of $20.00 for first, $15.00 for second, $10.00 for third and $5.00 going to fourth place.

The floats, which took about one week to build, were built by organizations such as the Future Farmers of America, the Boy Scouts, the Methodist Church and the Girl Scouts. Each float had a theme. The Future Farmers, for instance, usually present an agricultural related float.

Matthews said one of the popular games for the children is the sawdust pile. It is stuffed with quarters dimes and nickels. The children sift through the pile searching for treasure. New Castle News Reporter, Debbie Wachter Morris, who is a member of the Kiwanis, sold cake walk tickets while her husband was manning the bull horn doing the announcing duties.

The Halloween Parade was originally started to provide local children with an alternative to trick or treating.

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New DUI standard cracking down on drunk drivers

by Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

Violations for driving under the influence have recently been tightened in Pennsylvania, reducing the blood-alcohol level that makes a driver impaired from .10 to .08. "So it simply takes less alcohol to legally declare you impaired," said Assistant Dean of Student Affairs John Lechner.

"It was passed by the state legislature signed by the government, and it brings Pennsylvania in line with the federal regulations," said Lechner. Pennsylvania, until now, had been one of the few remaining states yet to apply the new standards.

One factor in getting the new standard passed in Pennsylvania was likely the federal government's threats to reduce highway funds without the necessary change, referred to by Lechner as "the great federal carrot."

Lechner also points out some of the pressure for the new standard, saying, "I think the underlying lobbying force for years behind this has been MADD and similar organizations."

There will be no local change in enforcement, Lechner says. Procedures will likely remain the same. Suspects will be brought in for blood testing based off of observations made by the police: blood-shot eyes, slurred speech, alcohol on the breath, or the inability to walk.

The only individuals who will be affected by this change, Lechner explains, will be those who are old enough to legally consume alcohol. Old standards for those who are underage remain the same, applying stiff penalties for a blood alcohol level as low as .02.

New Wilmington police officer, Chief Piccarillo, says that some of the penalties have been changed as well, and explains the way that the standards now operate.

For instance, Chief Piccarillo says that being pulled over with a blood alcohol level of .08 to .10 for the first time has been lowered from a misdemeanor to a summary offense. However, subsequent offenses retain their stricter penalties, and being pulled over with a blood-alcohol of .10 or greater is still a misdemeanor offense.

The first time any individual is pulled over with a blood-alcohol higher than .16 will result in a second-degree misdemeanor. Any DUI involving drugs, ranging from marijuana, to cocaine, to prescription drugs—even those where a prescription is available—are also considered 2nd-degree misdemeanors.

For the summary offenses, punishments are still stiff, says Piccarillo. For a first offense, it typically exacts a 250 dollar fine, mandatory attendance to alcohol safety school, and compliance with drug and alcohol treatment.

On a second offense in the .08 to .10 range, individuals will suffer a 3rd-degree misdemeanor charge that could result in 5 days imprisonment, between 250 and 2500 dollars of fines, 12 months of license suspension, the need to use a special interlock that checks the offender's breath before starting a car, and compliance with drug and alcohol treatment.

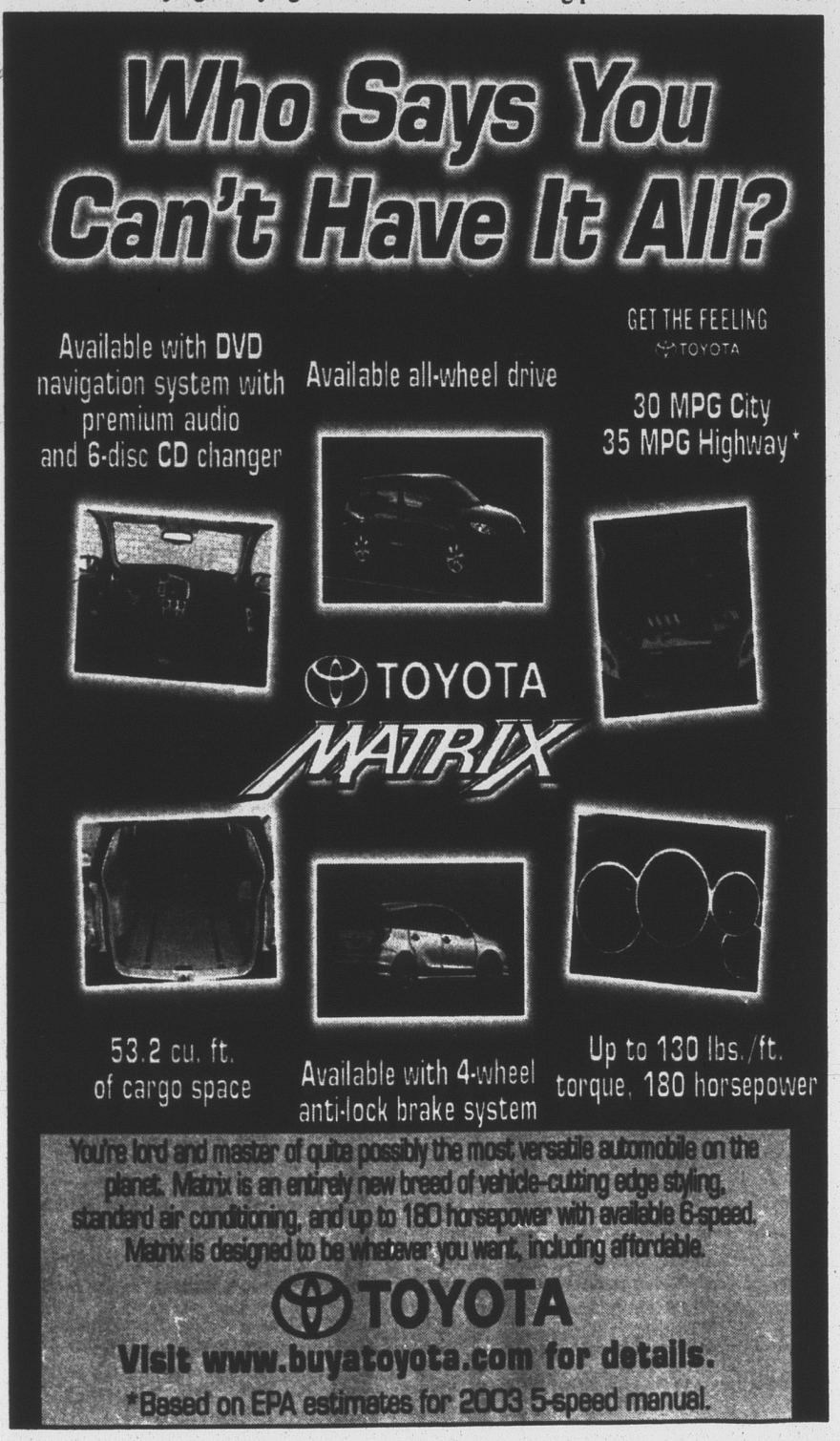
A third offense becomes a second-degree misdemeanor, says Picarillo, increasing imprisonment to 10 days, fines to between 500 and 5000 dollars, adding mandatory hours of community service and 12 months of safety school, and maintains the license suspension, the interlock, and the compliance with drug and alcohol treatments.

In all cases, subsequent offenses result in stricter punishments, and punishments for offenses involving blood-alcohol levels above .10 or .16 are also more severe.

Students have expressed their concern over the problem of DUI. "It's very common to drink and drive," said senior Erin Gray. "People just think it's socially acceptable."

Other students have mixed feelings about the effect the new standards could have on the campus community. "All in all, it's probably safer," said junior Tony Griffith. "It's probably a good thing. But there will be more DUIs."

Whether or not the new standards will be an effective preventive measure will take time to determine, John Lechner explains. Statistics could take years to be forthcoming.



Digital 88.9 Campus Briefs

Sunday Practice Banned

No football practice, no basketball practice, in fact no sports team practicing at all on Sundays for one local school district. The West Middlesex School District in Mercer County has voted to ban sports teams from practicing on Sundays. District officials say they could make exceptions to the new rule if the practice involves prep for a playoff game or contest that fall on a Monday.

Voter Identification Required

Get your ID out if you head to the polls next week. For the first time ever in Pennsylvania history, poll workers will require you to present your ID. If you're voting by absentee ballot you must send a copy of your identification with your ballot.

Candidates Forum on Westminster Cable

The Westminster Cable Network will present a live broadcast of a local candidates' forum. The Lawrence County League of Women Voters sponsors the annual forum in New Castle at the First Presbyterian Church. This year's debate will feature candidates running for Lawrence County Commission and the race for mayor in New Castle.

Election Day Countdown

We're just days away from the November 4th general election which features local and county races. The race for county commission is one of the items on the ballot locally. In New Castle some six candidates are seeking the job of Mayor. Several local school districts also have seats open. The polls open Tuesday at 7 in the morning and close at 8 that night.

Mock Convention Platform Debates

Westminster holds two platform debates this week for the upcoming 2004 Mock Convention. The first debate is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7 PM. The debates allow the faculty and student representatives to debate the Democratic platform that will set the stage for the Mock Convention in February.

Laramie Project Tickets

Tickets are now for sale for Theater Westminster's production of The Laramie Project. The topical play about the murder of Matthew Shepard runs November 14th through the 16th. The campus box office is taking reservations—Once you make a reservation you have until November 3rd to pick up your tickets.

Flu Vaccine Available This Week

Jameson Hospital will have flu vaccination teams in New Wilmington on Tuesday. The hospital will offer the flu shots for $15 a pop to members of the community. The vaccination clinic runs from 10 to 5 at the Health Place on South Market Street. Students interested in the flu shots can contact the campus health center for more information.

Another Local West Nile Case

A Pittsburgh-based college will soon change its name—Point Park College will become Point Park University next year. State education officials have approved the application to convert Point Park to a university. Point Park officials say they deserved the status because they offer a variety of programs. Point Park currently enrolls nearly 33-hundred students.

Local College Gets New Name

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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Argument over tires drives boxer to domestic violence

PITTSBURGH (AP) An argument over two flat tires on a luxury sport utility vehicle preceded a shooting in which former lightweight champion Paul Spadafora allegedly shot his girlfriend in the abdomen, leaving her critically wounded, according to a police affidavit.

Spadafora posted $50,000 bond and was released Monday night after spending most of the day in jail. The 28-year-old boxer, known as the "Pittsburgh Kid" was arraigned around 3 a.m. Monday on charges of attempted homicide, aggravated assault, recklessly endangering another person and violation of firearms laws, police said.

Spadafora didn't comment as he left the Allegheny County Jail and his attorney, William Difenderfer, said he won't make a statement until he reviews the case further with Spadafora.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, Allegheny County police interviewed an unidentified witness who saw Spadafora yelling at his girlfriend, Nadine Russo, 20, of Pittsburgh, early Sunday morning near a gas station in McKees Rocks, just outside of Pittsburgh.

The witness saw Russo driving Spadafora's 2003 Hummer HS over a concrete median and in front of a convenience store at the gas station. Spadafora, who was in the front passenger seat, got out of the vehicle after it had stopped and became upset when he saw that the vehicle's two left-side tires were flat, the witness told police.

The witness said Spadafora yelled obscenities at the woman, got into the driver's side of the vehicle after he pushed Russo into the passenger side of the Hummer, and drove the vehicle to another area of the parking lot. The couple then got out of the vehicle and walked away from the gas station, the affidavit said.

The witness became distracted and turned away from the couple, but then heard a loud bang, according to the affidavit. The witness then saw Russo stagger and collapse, the affidavit said.

Russo was in the Allegheny General Hospital on Monday afternoon and, while the hospital said it had no information about the woman, family members said she remained in critical condition following a surgery.

Police also interviewed a second witness who said Spadafora shouted obscenities and threats when the witness tried to aid Russo by placing pressure on her bullet wound, police said in the document. The second witness grabbed a cell phone out of Spadafora's hand to call emergency crews, but the boxer "snatched" the phone away, the affidavit said.

When McKees Rocks police first responded to the scene shortly before 6 a.m., an officer found Russo laying in the gas station parking lot with a broken cell phone laying nearby. Police also found a Smith & Wesson .38 caliber revolver near the scene where the first witness last saw the couple arguing, the affidavit said.

When he was questioned by police Sunday morning, Spadafora told them that while he was "really mad" about the damage Russo had caused his vehicle, an unknown gunman had shot his girlfriend after Spadafora had walked away from her, the document said.

Police released Spadafora Sunday morning because of a lack of evidence, but a warrant was issued for his arrest around noon. Police arrested Spadafora in the evening following a traffic stop near his home in Moon Township, police said.

Police interviewed a third witness who talked to Spadafora after he was released. That witness quoted the boxer as saying that Russo was shot during a robbery at the gas station, the document said.

Spadafora was arrested last week on charges of public lewdness and intoxication after officers said they spotted him Friday urinating on a Pittsburgh street.

Undefeated as a pro, Spadafora won the International Boxing Federation title in August 1999 and successfully defended his title nine times. He compiled a record of 36-0-1.

Spadafora gave up the 135-pound title in June, saying he wanted to move up to the junior welterweight division. In his last bout in March, Spadafora fought Leonard Dorin to a draw. He was heavily favored to win the match.

Spadafora made news outside the ring last year when he posted bail for a suspected drug dealer, who was released mistakenly when the man used a fake name. Spadafora said the man was an old friend. He was not charged with wrongdoing, but police stopped Spadafora in his car and searched his house for the man.

Spadafora's promoter, Michael Acri, called the shooting "out of character" and said he's not sure what his client's future holds.

"It's all up in the air right now. Let me tell you, I'm only concerned about two things. First, that this girl is all right - and I heard she's going to be OK - and second, that Paul's mental state is OK," Acri said.

Regional Briefs

Immaculate University to go Co-ed

MALVERN, Pa. (AP) Immaculata University, an all-women's school since its founding in 1920, will become coed in fall 2005, school officials announced Tuesday.

The school, located 20 miles west of Philadelphia in Chester County, cited a shrinking pool of prospective students as the reason for its decision and cited a report in the Chronicle of Higher Education that just 4 percent of female high school students even consider attending an all-women's college.

Sister R. Patricia Fadden, university president, praised the decision of the school's board of trustees to admit undergraduate men.

"They realize that a 21st century higher education institution must change to address a competitive marketplace," she said.

Immaculata hopes to eventually increase its undergraduate enrollment from 400 to about 1,000.

The change will require dormitory overhauls, a new student center, a possible change in degree programs offered, and a men's athletics program, Fadden said. A task force had been studying the coed option for six months.

A nearby school, Chestnut Hill College, enrolled its first coed class this fall. In the Philadelphia area, three all-female schools remain: Rosemont, Bryn Mawr, and Moore College of Art and Design.

Greedy logger faces jail

GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP) A logger who cut down more trees than he was supposed to was ordered to repay 14 victims more than $121,000 and to spend one to two years in jail, less a day.

Glenn D. Savage Jr., 37, of Normalville, pleaded guilty to felony theft charges in April and was sentenced Monday in Westmoreland County.

Savage is prepared to get a new job to repay the victims when he is out of jail, Defense attorney William McCabe said.

After he gets out of jail, however, Savage will spend eight years on probation during which time he won't be allowed to work in the logging business.

Savage's sentence won't begin until a judge determines how much money he owes two other victims.

Savage either cut trees without permission or didn't fairly compensate his customers for those trees he had permission to cut. He made at least $500,000 for timber he sold over the past five years, authorities said.

Asphalt to fill debt

PITTSBURGH (AP) The city wants to sell its 21-year-old asphalt plant in an effort to help fill an estimated $80 million budget shortfall.

Mayor Tom Murphy's administration last week asked firms to submit bids by Nov. 6 to either buy or lease the 110,250-square-foot plant in the Highland Park section of the city.

Officials also asked for projected prices, should the city decide to buy asphalt from a private producer.

Murphy's administration estimates the plant should sell for $50,000, but the city could save $550,000 every year in salaries and utility costs.

Murphy is scheduled to release his 2004 budget next month and has presented some cost-cutting plans to trim $40 million from the budget. The plans include permanently cutting city personnel laid off in August and keeping pools, recreation centers and senior centers closed.

Opponents of the plan to sell the asphalt plant have said the move toward privatization will drive up the city's paving costs.

Alleged victims sue church

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) Two men who say they were molested by a former Roman Catholic deacon filed a lawsuit against the church on Tuesday.

The men, both 44, said they were abused over a period of years in the 1970s by Glen Shrimplin, a retired dentist who left the ministry in 1987.

Shrimplin denied the allegations.

"It's not true. That did not happen," Shrimplin said. "I am just so upset with all of this. It's all so terrible."

David Barciz, who now lives in Raleigh, N.C., and another man who did not release his name filed the lawsuit against Shrimplin, the Toledo Diocese and two parishes in Toledo.

Former Toledo Bishop James Hoffman apologized to Barciz in a letter sent last year, The Blade reported Tuesday. Another letter said Shrimplin "was removed from active diaconal ministry in the diocese of Toledo."

Shrimplin, now 69, said he left the church on his own.

He was a deacon, which is an ordained position in the Roman Catholic Church. Deacons, who can be married and hold other jobs, can officiate at baptisms, weddings, wakes and funerals.

Counselor accused of smuggling contraband

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) Sheriff's officers arrested a former jail counselor accused of sneaking packages into the lockup for a man charged with murder.

Marion Crosby, 39, was charged Monday with three counts of bribery. He was paid at least $50 each time he took packages to inmate Prentiss Williams, the Lucas County Sheriff's office said.

Detectives still were investigating whether Crosby took in a handgun that Williams fired at a corrections officer inside the jail two weeks ago.

Both shots missed the guard, and Williams gave up the gun within a minute of the shooting. Williams got the gun when he went into a maintenance closet, the sheriff's department said.

The packages usually contained food but also had cigarettes and a cell phone in them, investigators said. Crosby told investigators he didn't know what was in them.

According to court records, Williams' wife and a friend supplied

NATIONAL

Suspected murderer sought for questions

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) A man once questioned in his wife's still-unsolved killing was being sought Tuesday on a charge of murdering his cousin at a park on the red clay bluffs that overlook Pensacola Bay.

A warrant was issued Monday for Omar Franklin Barnes, 23. He is accused of killing Dean Perry Jr. 26, who died from a single gunshot to the back of the head. The body was found Sunday at Bay Bluffs Park.

Barnes was questioned but not charged after his wife, Air Force Airman 1st Class Sherry Hunter Barnes, died last year in San Antonio. No cause of death has been released, and San Antonio police refuse to say if Barnes is a suspect there.

Pensacola police Capt. Chip Simmons said investigators are considering several possible motives in Perry's murder, including a possible connection with the San Antonio death.

Perry's sisters, Marya Hill, 19, and Shewaun Boyd, 29, said their brother recently told them that Barnes gave him a gun a couple weeks ago and claimed he had used it to kill his wife.

"Some people are saying Omar had a plan, that he killed him because he started telling people about it," Hill said.

Police found a gun in bushes beside Barnes' Pensacola home and tests were being conducted to determine if it fired the bullet recovered from the victim's body.

Sherry Hunter Barnes' parents, the Rev. Jerry and Jacqueline Hunter, of Pensacola, said they suspect Barnes in their daughter's death. Her decomposed body was found beside railway tracks a week after she was reported missing from the couple's San Antonio-area home on Oct. 22, 2002.

Her husband told police she walked out of their apartment and vanished after they had an argument. He returned to Pensacola after her death.

Barnes has an extensive criminal record. Court records show he pleaded no contest to charges of battery, aggravated battery, attempted arson and resisting arrest without violence over a period of several years. Several other charges were dropped.

"Omar's known for hiding out when the police come looking for him," Hill said. "He's always running."

Perry also had a criminal record. He was sentenced to four year in prison for aggravated battery, attempted robbery and grand theft committed in 1994 and 1995, according to Florida Department of Corrections records.

Perry was unemployed for several months but planning to start a new job next week with a roofing company in Panama City, said Pamela Jones, an aunt.

Internet conartist skirts jail by skin of his teeth

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) A Rutland man who made more than $25,000 selling fake celebrity memorabilia over the Internet won't be going to jail.

John Landau, 42, was sentenced to serve two years on probation. Landau had earlier pleaded guilty to mail and wire fraud.

Prosecutors had asked for Landau to serve a year in jail. His attorney had argued for probation, according to court records.

Prosecutors said Landau ran his fraudulent business on eBay, an Internet auction site, from his Burnham Avenue apartment for nine months, starting in late 2001.

He falsely advertised the items he posted on eBay as the former belongings of John Wayne, Lucille Ball, Joan Crawford and Ava Gardner, according to the indictment.

He was eventually shut down by eBay and fraud investigators.

"He assured buyers that they would receive with each item, a 'certificate of authenticity,'" federal prosecutor William Darrow wrote in a sentencing memorandum.

"The items that Landau offered and sold were paste jewelry and second hand junk which he sometimes had engraved with celebrities' name or initial."

Darrow wrote that Landau made false claims on about 250 items, selling them to 165 people all over the U.S.

Landau claimed he inherited the items from his deceased lover, who had obtained them from the stars while working in Hollywood in the 1970s and 1980s, according to court records.

Darrow wrote that Landau tried to encourage bids for his bogus memorabilia by representing that one-third or more of the proceeds would go to charity.

Defense attorney John Pacht of Burlington wrote in his sentencing memorandum that Landau had been using crack cocaine and suffering from depression.

In 2000 Landau entered the drug treatment center at Spring Lake Ranch in Cuttingsville. He left the facility in 2001, got a job in Rutland and lost it six months later, and started using crack cocaine again, Pacht wrote.

Landau has since received treatment again and continues to receive counseling, according to court records.

"John is, of course, scared to death of the possibility of going to jail," Pacht wrote. "No doubt this has provided substantial motivation for his positive improvement."

National Briefs

Oahu to get large grant for homelss program

HONOLULU (AP) Twelve groups that provide services for the homeless on Oahu will share $925,371 awarded through the city's Emergency Shelter Grant Program, officials said.

The largest grant, $202,000, is earmarked for homeless programs at the Institute for Human Services.

The institute operates two shelters, one for men and one for women and children on Oahu, said Lynn Maunakea, executive director at the institute.

It operates with an annual budget of about $3.5 million and provides food, clothing, legal and medical services, showers and substance-abuse treatment for hundreds of homeless people every night.

The Emergency Shelter Grant Program supports existing shelters around the island and supportive services for a cross-section of the homeless population, including abused spouses and children, the mentally ill, substance abusers, families and youth.

The money granted is about the same as last year, according to the city.

There are more than 7,000 homeless people on Oahu, according to state figures.

Bush to visit Middle-East

WASHINGTON (AP) NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson is paying President George W. Bush a visit next month to discuss Iraq, Afghanistan and peacekeeping operations in Bosnia and Kosovo.

Robertson's White House meeting and lunch with Bush on Nov. 12 marks his final U.S. visit as secretary- general of NATO, the White House said Tuesday. Robertson's four-year term ends Jan. 1. He will be succeeded by Dutch Foreign Minister Jaap de Hoop Scheffer

Bush and Robertson also were to plan for the 2004 NATO summit, being held in Istanbul, Turkey.

"NATO remains central to America's security, to our ties with Europe and to our common efforts to support peace and freedom in Europe and beyond," Bush spokesman Scott McClellan said in a statement. "Under Lord Robertson's leadership, NATO has embarked on a major transformation aimed at addressing the security challenges of the 21st century."

Celebs robbed during RMAs

LAS VEGAS (AP) Rapper Nelly had more than $1 million in jewelry stolen from his Las Vegas hotel room while he was in town for the 2003 Radio Music Awards, authorities said Tuesday.

Nelly, whose real name is Cornell Haynes, claimed the pieces were taken Monday from his room at the Aladdin hotel-casino.

Singer Michelle Branch, who also was staying at the Aladdin, reported that computer equipment was stolen from her room.

Las Vegas Police Officer Tina Ellison said the burglaries were reported at 8:50 p.m. Monday and were being investigated.

Representatives of the two performers had no immediate information Tuesday about the burglaries.

Haynes won the award for best driving song for "Shake Ya Tailfeather," which he performed during the show with Sean "P. Diddy" Combs and Murphy Lee.

Anti-sem

YUMA, Ariz. (AP) Anti-Semitic flyers were left in a Yuma neighborhood, angering some residents.

The flyers by a group that called itself the American Revolutionary Nationalist Nuclei said the Holocaust never happened and blamed Jews for Americans being treated as "second-class citizens."

Joel Breshin of the Anti-Defamation League's Phoenix office said the group taking credit for the flyers has distributed similar information in Phoenix-area neighborhoods but hasn't been heard from in some time.

Anne Wiggins, one of the Yuma residents who found the flyers on Monday morning, said they were left at houses on her block and at least six others in her neighborhood.

"I think it ought to be looked into," she said. "I object to that sort of thing."

Leanne Worthen, a spokeswoman for the Yuma Police Department, said it is legal to leave information on someone's front porch, but the department does document complaints.

No Pets

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) Exotic pets have been prohibited from the Church Street Marketplace.

By a vote of 6 to 3, the City Council voted Monday to prohibit animals other than dogs, cats and European ferrets from the area.

The measure calls exotic pets "a threat to public health, safety and welfare."

Supporters of the ordinance described it as useful to protect city residents from diseases that could be carried by exotic animals such as prairie dogs and monkeys.

Ian Carleton said the ordinance was "an instrument by which the animal control officer can exercise some control over public places if and when the need arises."

No penalty was specified for violation of the ordinance.

INTERNATIONAL

Sri Lanka under investigation for human rights violations

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) Sri Lanka's Human Rights Commission on Tuesday blamed government forces for the disappearance of scores of civilians during nearly two decades of civil war with Tamil Tiger rebels.

Of over 280 complaints investigated this year, "248 Tamils have either been killed or disappeared after being taken in by the armed services," the commission said in a report.

Tamil rebels were responsible for the disappearance of 25 Muslims from three northern Sri Lankan districts, the commission said.

"We have accused the police and the armed forces of institutional racism; we fault the Liberation Tigers of Tamileelam too ... for specially targeting Muslim leaders," the report said.

Most of these incidents took place after the army recaptured the Tamil-majority northern Jaffna peninsula from the rebels in 1995, the commission said.

The report said that in many cases cash and jewelry had been stolen and this could have been a "motivating factor."

Some people were arrested - and had subsequently disappeared - on their return from foreign employment while others were eliminated so their aggressors could "gain access to women," the report said.

The report also suggested that the army may have disposed of people with information about their camps and operations.

The commission said both government troops and rebels had failed to cooperate with the investigators, "due to a mix of inefficiency, indifference and unwillingness."

It said police had sometimes refused to record initial complaints of disappearances or deliberately recorded inaccurate information.

Army commander Lt. Gen. Lionel Balagalle admitted Tuesday that many disappearances had occurred in 1996, at the height of the conflict.

He said the army launched internal inquiries but that they were "not all that successful," adding that the army has introduced a system of accountability. He gave no details.

The commission recommended that all arrests be recorded, a receipt issued and notification given to area police, a government representative and the rights commission. It also said all suspects should be produced before a magistrate within 48 hours.

Violators of the guidelines should face prosecution in a court and possible suspension or termination from service, the report recommended.

Tamil Tiger rebels fought government troops in a two-decade conflict for a separate state for minority Tamils in this South Asian island off India's southern coast. About 65,000 people were killed in the fighting before Norway brokered a truce last year.

Chechen administation blames rebels for death of soldiers

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia (AP) Eight Russian soldiers were killed in rebel attacks in war-ravaged Chechnya over the past day, an official in the Kremlin-backed Chechen administration said Tuesday.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said four servicemen were killed and five wounded in 18 separate rebel attacks on Russian military outposts over the past 24 hours. Two other soldiers died when their jeep was ambushed near the town of Shali. Another Russian serviceman was killed when rebels blew up a train carrying oil. Two cars derailed, but there were no reports of fire or other injuries. The eighth soldier died in a shootout near the village of Tsa-Vedeno.

Rebels have staged almost daily small attacks on Russian positions throughout the four-year war in Chechnya, the second in a decade. Russia's heavily armed forces pound rebel positions with regular air and artillery attacks in response.

Russian forces took control of the republic's flat northern reaches early on in the war, which began in September 1999, but have failed to uproot rebels from the mountainous south or from the capital, Grozny.

Russian forces pulled out of Chechnya in 1996 at the end of a ruinous 20-month war, but returned three years later after Chechnya-based insurgents mounted an incursion into the neighboring Russian region of Dagestan and after some 300 people died in apartment block bombings that officials blamed on the rebels.

Some 200 people were detained in security sweeps, conducted almost daily by Russian forces. Human rights groups and civilians have denounced the sweeps as brutal and say many young men who are seized are never seen again.

Police dispersed about 100 protesters in the Grozny suburb of Pobedinskoye after residents blocked a road leading to the neighboring Russian province of Ingushetia demanding the release of four young men detained October 22. Protestors plan to rally outside the main government administration building on Wednesday.

Alexander Nikitin, deputy prosecutor in Chechnya, said his office was "considering" some 1,500 alleged criminal cases of disappeared people, including abductions and people taken from their homes by "unknown persons," the Interfax news agency reported.

Khedoi Saratova, head of the Chechen public organization Vozvrashchenye claimed at least 4,000 people had disappeared since the war restarted, Interfax reported.

Nikitin denied any involvement by the military or officials in disappearances.

Meanwhile, residents in Chechnya's capital struggled to get by without electricity after rebels fired on a central power station. Government buildings remained lit, powered by backup generators.

International Briefs

Headscarf subject of debate

STUTTGART, Germany (AP) Baden-Wuerttemberg on Tuesday became the first German state to propose legislation that would ban wearing headscarves in schools, following a supreme court ruling allowing a Muslim teacher to wear the traditional head covering.

The German Constitutional Court ruled last month that it was wrong to bar the teacher from wearing the scarf as a condition for getting a job in a Baden-Wuerttemberg school because the state had no law banning headscarves.

In response, the state moved to institute a prohibition Tuesday, saying the scarf is not protected as an expression of religion.

"The history of the headscarf is always also the history of a political symbol," said Annette Schavan, the state minister in charge of education.

The state cabinet, led by the center-right Christian Democrats, is to decide on the bill Nov. 11. It would come into force in the current school year if passed.

The wall fell, now the fence?

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher said Tuesday Israel was choosing the "road to disasters" over the route to peace by continuing construction of fence Israel says is needed to keep out Palestinian attackers.

The fence cuts into the West Bank and through Palestinian villages. Maher, speaking to reporters, also said the fence was being built to "capture more Palestinian territories" and would not contribute to the so-called "road map" peace plan endorsed by the European Union, Russia, the United Nations and the United States.

"Where is the road map? The road the Israeli government is taking is on a different map. It is not the road of peace and security, but a road to disasters, victims, anxiety and suffering," Maher said.

Maher also denounced the latest attacks in Baghdad, which included a car bombing Monday at the Baghdad offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

"There is no logic in attacking the Red Cross," he said.

"The Iraqi people should regain their sovereignty quickly, then

things will be much quieter," Maher said.

News editor shot

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) An editor of an Iraqi weekly newspaper was shot and killed Tuesday on the roof of his office's building, police said. His daughter said he had been threatened because of his writings.

Two men followed Ahmed Shawkat, editor of the independent "Without Direction," to the roof - where he went to make a phone call - and one of them shot him, police said.

"He calls for democracy and our people don't understand the meaning of democracy. Maybe the Islamists have taken a stance against him for that reason," Roaa Shawkat, the daughter, said.

Several weeks ago, Shawkat received letters warning him to close his newspaper, the daughter, who also works at "Without Direction," said.

"He used to write against the resistance, against the Americans, against the local government and the former government. He had integrity," the daughter said. "Obviously some people didn't like the fact that he ... had a view and a principle."

Eight dead in rebel strike

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) Rebels attacked a police station in central Nepal on Tuesday, killing at least eight people - six of them policemen, officials said.

The rebels blocked the main highway leading to the police post at Lekhnath, a town about 125 miles west of Katmandu, before the attack, police told The Associated Press by telephone.

Six police died in the assault and two civilians walking past the station were killed in the crossfire, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Fighting between rebels and government troops has escalated since the insurgents pulled out of peace talks in August, ending a seven-month cease-fire.

The rebels, who say they are inspired by Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Zedong, have been fighting since 1996 to abolish Nepal's constitutional monarchy and set up a communist state. The government has labeled them terrorists.

More than 7,500 people have been killed since the insurgency began.

18 dead in shootout

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) U.S.-led coalition troops and Afghan militia killed 18 rebel fighters in a six-hour firefight in eastern Afghanistan, calling in airstrikes to help repel the attackers, the U.S. military said Tuesday.

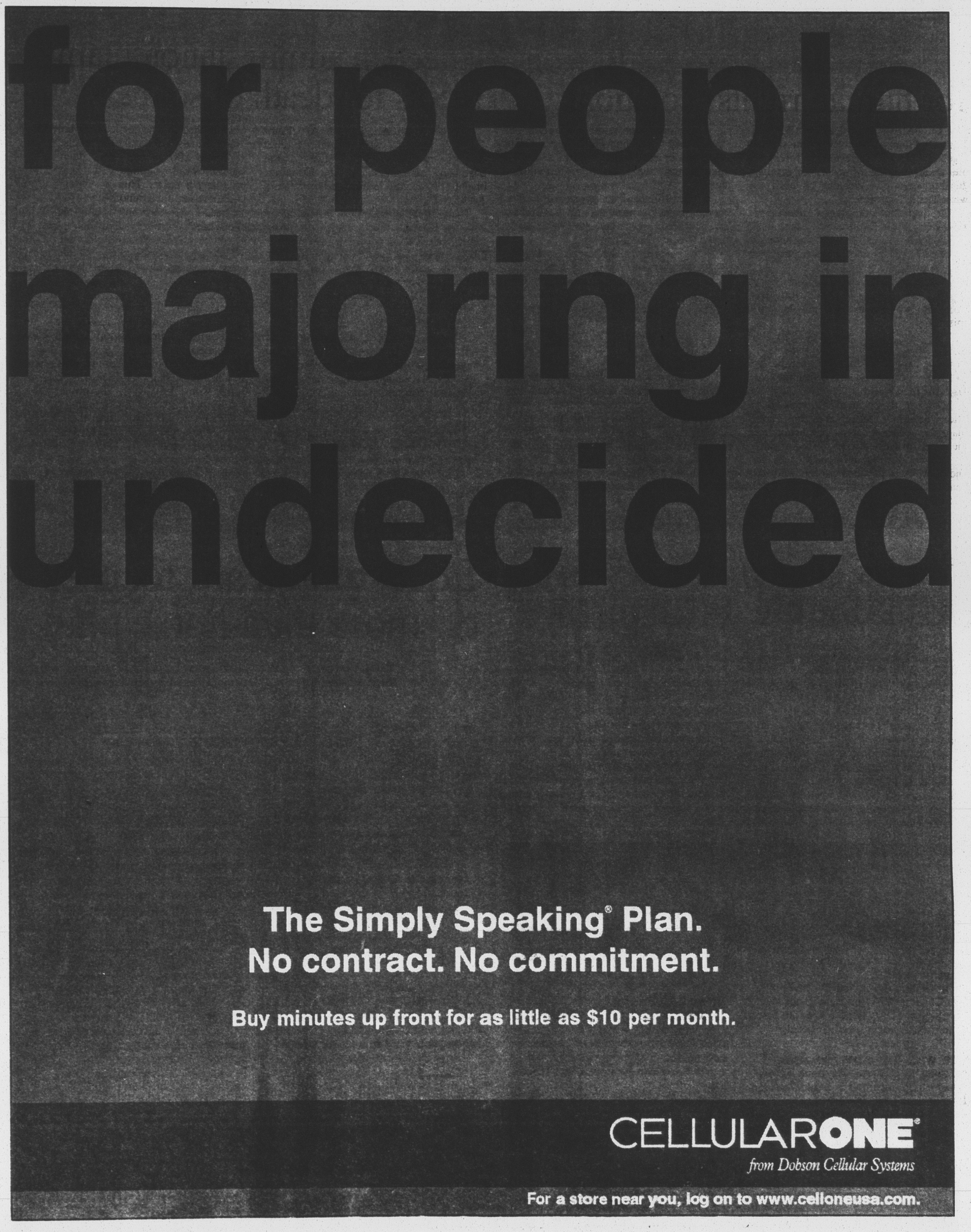
Six Afghan militiamen were wounded in the fighting that began Saturday morning, the coalition said in a statement.

Coalition forces were patrolling 27 miles south of a base in Shkin in Gomal district of Paktika province when they made contact with as many as 25 fighters, the military said.

During an exchange of small-arms fire by ground forces, A-10 Thunderbolt airplanes and Apache helicopters were called in for airstrikes. One vehicle was destroyed, and the rebels retreated, the military said.

The clash was reported Monday by Afghan officials, but they gave conflicting accounts. Tuesday's statement was the first by the coalition on the incident.

The statement didn't specify if the attackers were former Taliban or al-Qaida terrorists. Remnants of those forces have mounted increasing attacks in Afghanistan's border regions with Pakistan.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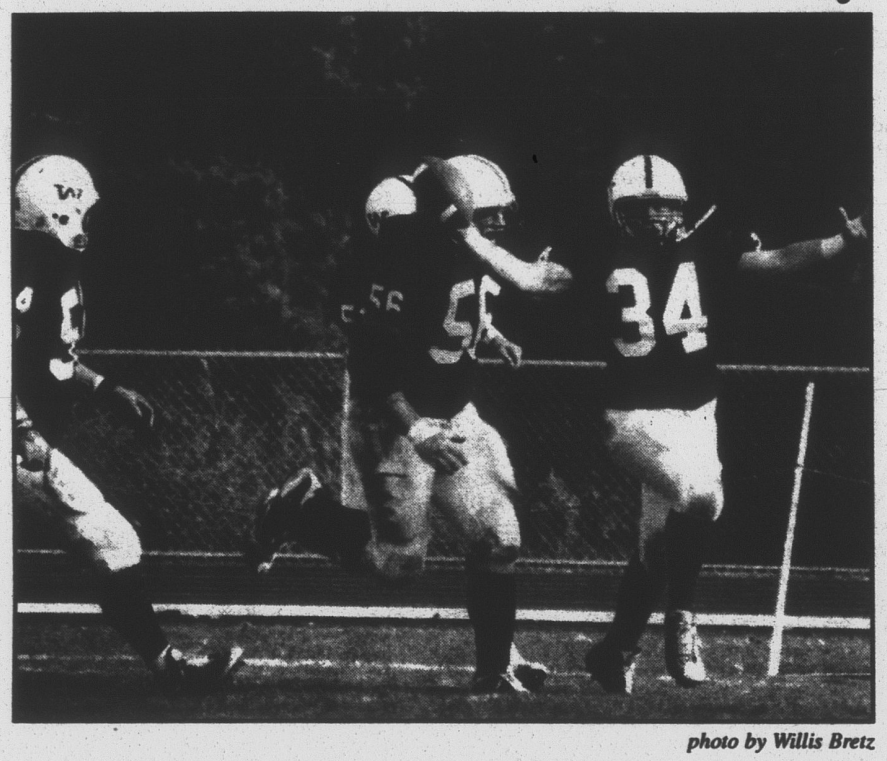
SPORTS

Titans kill rivals, Grove City Wolverines, with 49-20 win



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Jerry Bonenberger celebrates after returning an interception for a touchdown.

Three members of the Westminster College football team have been honored as "Titans of the Week" for their play in the team's 49-20 victory over Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) opponent Grove City College at Harold Burry Stadium on Saturday.

Junior running back Scott Froelich (Cuyahoga Falls, OH/Cuyahoga Falls H.S.) was named Offensive Titan of the Week for the Grove City game. Froelich rushed 26 times for 204 yards (7.8 avg.) and a school record-tying four touchdowns, including a career-long 80-yard TD run.

It was the second 200-yard game and 16th 100-yard rushing effort of his collegiate career and was just four yards short of his career-best 208-yard performance against W&J on Oct. 4 this season. Froelich was also named Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Offensive Player of the Week for his efforts.

Senior defensive end Nick Fritch (Cheswick/Fox Chapel H.S.) was tabbed as Defensive Titan of the Week against the Wolverines. Fritch posted eight tackles (five solo, three assisted), including one tackle for a loss, to go along with a pass breakup and a fumble recovery for the Titan defense against GCC.

Earning Special Teams Titan of the Week laurels for the second consecuitve week was junior defensive end Sean Diefenderfer (Austintown, OH/Austintown Fitch H.S.). Diefenderfer posted four special teams tackles on the afternoon.

The Titan gridders return to action this Saturday, Nov. 1, as Westminster (4-3, 3-1 PAC) looks for its fourth consecutive win when it hosts Frostburg State University (3-3) in a non-conference game at Burry Stadium. Kickoff for Senior Day is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Men's soccer close season with double 1-1 overtime

The Westminster College men's soccer team ran its record to 8-9-2 overall and 6-2-2 in Presidents' Athletic Conference play today in New Wilmington, as the Titan kickers closed the 2003 regular season with a 1-1 double-overtime tie against PAC rival Bethany College.

Westminster posted its quickest goal of the year to open the game, as senior forward Todd Fisher found the back of the net just 17 seconds into the contests off assists by junior midfielder Sebastian Driver-Salazar and senior forward Matt Roser for a 1-0 Titan lead. However, the Bison answered minutes later with a goal at the 3:55 mark by Damien Sanzotti to knot the game at 1-1. The two teams remained scoreless through the rest of regulation and a pair of 10 minute overtime periods.

Westminster senior goalkeeper Kevin Humberston went the distance in goal, making nine saves in 110 minutes in the tie. Westminster held a narrow 15-13 advantage in shots over Bethany, while also posting a 9-5 margin in corner kicks.

photo by Willis Bretz

Michael Butti and Alex Costillo chase Bethany for possession of the ball.

Equestrian team focuses on more than horse play

by Patty Fletcher
Staff Writer

The equestrian team, although often overlooked, is a very active group on campus and provides its members with much more than just the thrill of competition.

"Horses have provided me not only with a wonderful and unique form of exercise, but also with wonderful relationships and a place to go to de-stress and think about a world that does not involve words or numbers or deadlines," junior Jessica Garrison said.

Garrison said she joined the team because she has always loved horses and riding. "It allows me to belong to a group of my peers who share these loves," she said.

Junior Courtney Hoover agrees. "The equestrian team has been a great way for me to share a passion of mine with other people who have the similar interest on campus," she said.

Garrison, the team captain, and Hoover, co-captain, have been around horses all their lives and are both three-year team members.

Garrison began taking formal lessons when she was nine. She practices once a week with the team and rides her own horse three times a week.

Hoover had been riding at Little Neshannock stables for eight years before college and said that joining the college's team was the next logical step.

Hoover said that the connection between herself and a horse is a great stress reliever.

Coach Mary McKinley understands this connection and wants team members to have a strong bond with their horses. She said that riding horses challenges the rider's physical and mental strength.

"I encourage the rider's personal growth and that they focus on the journey of riding or competing, and not the fleeting moment of winning a ribbon," McKinley said.

"Relating to horses is a body, mind and spirit experience and one which some people never lose the wonder and thrill of," McKinley said.

Membership in the equestrian team is open to all students. As stated in the Westminster web page, prerequisites include one semester of equestrian gym class, or passing a riding test, and a 2.0 GPA.

The team is in the IHSA division, International Horse Show Association, which has yet to rank the teams in this intercollegiate division.

The next competition is Nov. 9 at Seton Hill.

For further information, contact Garrison at garrisjl@westminster.edu or Hoover at hoovercl@westminster.edu.

FCA sponsors 2nd Annual Titan Trot 5K Run

by Amie Hack
Staff Writer

Come join Fellowship of Christian Athletes on Saturday, Nov. 8 for their 2nd Annual Titan Trot 5K Run, Relay and Kid's Run.

Registration for all three events will take place at the Field House from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on the day of the race. Those who register by Monday Nov. 3, however, are guaranteed a long-sleeve t-shirt. All runners are encouraged to arrive well before the start-time of their event. The 5K (3.1 mile) run starts at 10:00 a.m., the 5K relay at 10:30 a.m., and the .3 mile kid's run at 10:45 a.m.

Junior Bethany Huey plans to run the race for the first time this year. "I'm running on a relay team with some of my friends," she said. "I was sad to have to miss out on it last year, so now I'm really excited to be involved."

All students are encouraged to get involved with the race. If running does not sound enticing, plenty of volunteer opportunities are available, including helping with registration and directing runners through the race course.

Senior Heather Klink volunteered for the 2002 Titan Trot. "It seemed like it was a really good event," she said. "It was nice to see community members and college kids all participating together."

A post-race party is planned for all participants, volunteers and spectators. The party will feature food, drink, music, prize drawings, an award ceremony and more.

Awards will be given in each of the three race categories. For the 5K Run, the top three overall men and women finishers will win an actual turkey donated by the college dining service. The top three males and females in 13 individual age categories will also win awards.

The top three relay teams will receive awards as well. Relay teams consist of five members, each running 1K (.62 of a mile). Participants in the top three teams will each get an award. Fraternities and sororities are especially encouraged to enter a team, as the winning fraternity and the winning sorority get a plaque for their organization. Relays may be composed of anyone, though, including organizations on campus, groups of friends, even non-Westminster folk.

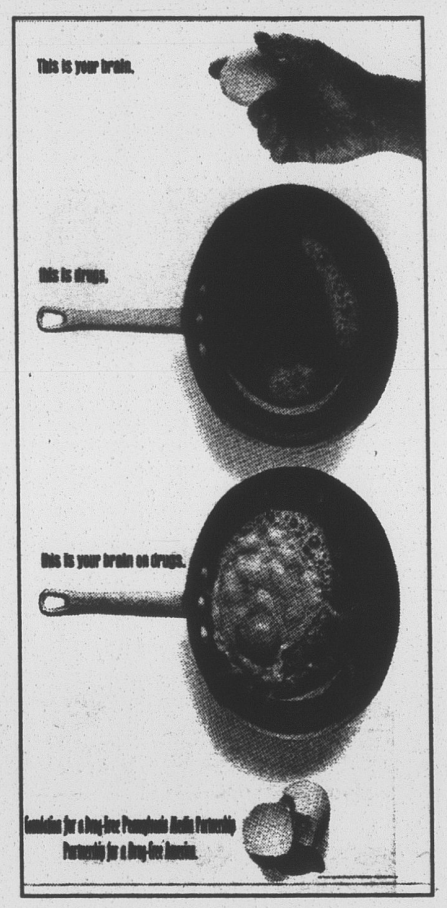
Medals will be given to all participants of the kid's run, with special awards for the top three girls and top three boys. Children ages 10 and under qualify for the kid's run. This race is only $5 per child.

The 5K race is $12 per runner, but only $10 for college students. After Nov. 3, however, the fee rises to $15. Each relay team must pay $50, or $10 per team member.

Although the main sponsor of the Titan Trot is Fellowship of Christian Athletes, several community businesses have offered time and donations, as well. All proceeds of the event, which was begun last year by former College Chaplain Steven Allen, go toward fundraising for Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Race Director Tom Rapchak, who works with FCA, sees the race as a campus event that will continue far into the future. "I'm really looking forward to more Westminster students being involved," he said. "Hopefully this will be another campus activity that will go on for years and be a Westminster tradition."

For more information about the race, contact Rapchak at (724)654-3215. FCA Advisor Brad Tokar may also be contacted at X 7109, or Race Secretary Lori Shaffer at X 7115. In addition, race brochures are available at the Information Desk in McKelvey Campus Center, and other various places around campus.



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Women's Soccer

The Westminster College women's soccer team improved to 13-6 overall and 7-2 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play tonight in Washington, Pa., as the Lady Titans posted a 3-1 victory at league rival Washington & Jefferson College (9-8, 5-4 PAC). With the win, Westminster clinched the #2 seed and a first round bye for the 2003 PAC Women's Soccer Tournament from Nov. 3-8.

After a scoreless first half, all four goals in the game came in a span of 4:36 early in the second period. Westminster took a 1-0 lead on a goal by junior forward Angie DePascale (Warren, OH/Howland H.S.) off an assist by senior midfielder Alyssa Pyle (Sewickley/Quaker Valley H.S.) at the 51:35 mark. However, W&J answered with a Carrie Pazehoski goal just 28 seconds later to knot the score 1-1. The Lady Titans retook the lead for good at 2-1 at the 55:26 mark, as Pyle scored off an assist by junior midfielder Jen Raub (Trucksville/Dallas H.S.). Less than a minute later, senior midfielder Alicia Anderson (Chicora/Karns City H.S.) added an insurance goal to make it 3-1, also assisted by Raub.

Westminster and W&J both posted 13 shots in the contest, with Westminster holding a narrow 8-7 advantage in corner kicks. Junior Nicole Drummond (Pittsburgh/Keystone Oaks H.S.) went the distance in goal for the Lady Titans, making eight saves in the victory.

The Westminster women close the 2003 regular season at PAC rival Waynesburg College this Saturday, Nov. 1, at 12 noon in Waynesburg, Pa.

Volleyball

The Westminster College volleyball team saw its record drop to 10-20 overall and 5-5 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play tonight at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium, as the Lady Titans closed the 2003 regular season by suffering a 31-29, 30-19, 30-24 setback to visiting PAC rival Waynesburg College. Waynesburg finished 32-4 overall, 10-0 and in first place in the PAC, while finishing the season on a 24-match win streak.

Senior outside hitter Diana Barnes (Twinsburg, OH/Twinsburg H.S.) led the way for Westminster with seven kills in the loss. Junior Lauren Lalama (Columbiana, OH/Columbiana H.S.) posted team-high totals of 22 assists and three service aces and tied freshman Kate McDermott (Austintown, OH/Austintown Fitch H.S.) for team dig honors with 12 apiece. McDermott also added a pair of solo blocks for the Lady Titans.

The match marked the final home contest for Lady Titan seniors Barnes and libero McKenzie Crowell (Leetonia, OH/Crestview H.S.).

Westminster volleyball will close the 2003 season this weekend at the PAC Championship Tournament, hosted by Waynesburg in Waynesburg, Pa.

The Lady Titans are the #3 seed in the six-team, single elimination tournament, and will open play against the #6 seed (either Bethany or Thiel) on Friday at 6 p.m. A win would advance Westminster to the semifinals against #2 seed Washington & Jefferson on Saturday at noon. The championship match is slated for Saturday at 3 p.m.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

Curse you Novell Border Manager!

If I smoked, I'd smoke hash browns...mmmm.

Today I felt bad, bad didn't appreciate this.

Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away...

Yay for mock-convention petitions

Hugga Hugga Zoot Zoot

Please please keep the gift shop open through half time for home games

The mullet is back on campus

Go for the eyes, Boo! Go for the eyes! Ruuusssk!

Why don't the clocks in MCC ever have the right time?

Charging to print, what's next? Charging to e-mail?

I use my own computer, my own printer andmy own paper to print my sorority signs, thank you.

Why is there a ghetto hair dryer outside of hillside?

Mmmm...evil thoughts...

Ducky bath mats are for macho men.

The political signs need to go.

Clowns taste funny

There are pianists of all shapes and sizes in the music department.

Why me?

Aren't things suposed to get easier?

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinons.

Our View: Parking Pains

In response to the issue of parking, the administration has been quoted as saying, "When you purchase a parking pass, you are not paying for a place to park, you are paying for the right to look for a place to park."

Oh, excuse me fair mother Westminster, we were under the assumption that our $25,000 tuition fee covered such basic rights. What's next? When we go to the cafeteria, will we be swiping our card for the guarantee to food, or swiping our card merely for the "right to look" for food? Maybe if we are lucky, we will be able to find a sandwich. If not, oh well, it's just another inconvenience you, the loyal tuition-paying student, will have to deal with.

Let us provide you with a hypothetical situation. You are a resident of Browne Hall. Last spring, on the first day parking passes were being sold, you woke up at 8 a.m. to ensure your possession of a sacred Browne parking pass. With this color-coded sticker of power, you would assume that you would be allowed to freely park in front of your residence hall. Oh silly reader, that would be too simple! The administration laughs in the face of such common sense.

The money you shelled out for that pass does not permit you to park in all the spaces in front of your dorm. Oh no. It permits you to only park in 11designated Browne spaces. If you lucky enough to park in one of these coveted spaces, bless you, wise reader. Park your car in that spot and do not ever, ever leave. For such an opportunity may never present itself to you again.

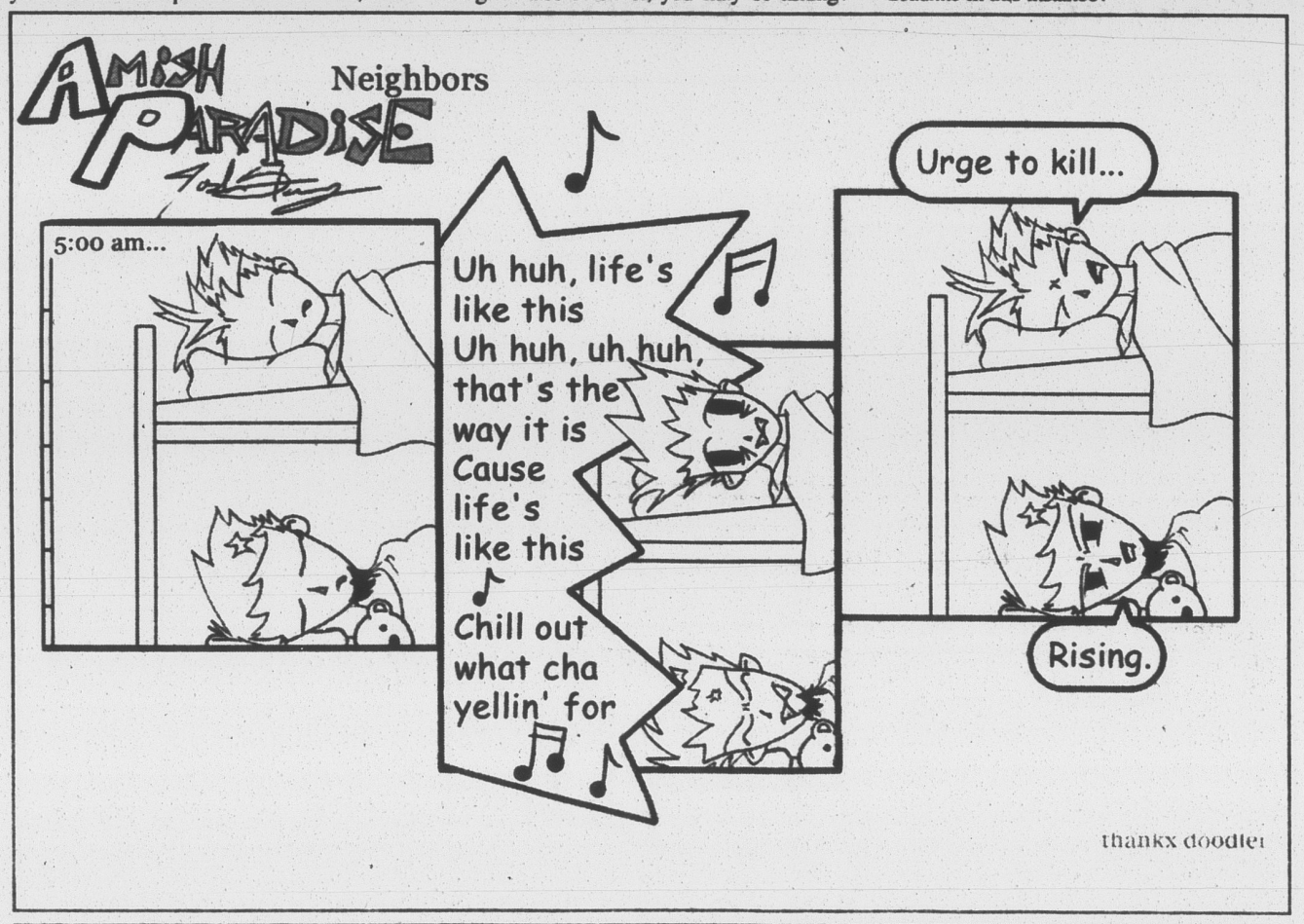
As for the rest of the Browne residents (i.e. everyone else in the dorm but the 11 chosen ones), they will all have to go and park in the hall's designated "overflow" parking. Are these mysterious overflow spots located near the Field House? No. Are they located near the Physical Plant? No. Dear Browne driver, you must park your vehicle clear on the other side of campus next to the Admissions House. You know, that building that is farther away from Browne than any other building on campus?

When we go to the cafeteria, will we be swiping our card for the guarantee to food, or swiping our card merely for the "right to look" for food?

But what about all of those other spots in front of your dormitory that you are not allowed to park in? The empty ones where the tumbleweeds blow through on weekends? Those spots are reserved for the students who possess the (gasp) silver parking pass! How are students able to purchase one of these magical tabs of silver, you may be asking? Are you sitting down avid Holcad readers? Because this is where it gets interesting. These silver passes were purchased by people like your friend who did not get up at 8 a.m. on the first day the passes were sold. These silver passes were purchased by your friend who slept in that day and waited until this semester to buy a parking pass. And with this pass of wonder, they are rewarded with permission to park anywhere their little procrastinating hearts desire. And as you watch your dear lazy friend park directly in front of your dorm as you drive clear around to the other side of campus, you may question the fairness of such an evil parking system.

Now we are not supporting the "lazy college student" stereotype. We realize that we are physically able to walk across the campus to get into our car, something to which many students do not even have access. However, it is the principle of the thing! The principle that students who bought a pass after you have better parking privileges than you!

If students procrastinated, their silver tabs should permit them to park by the Admissions House, the Field House and the Physical Plant. Let the ambitious residents who bought their passes during the time they were supposed to park in the vincinity of their own dorms. Or at least give them better rights than their procrastinating neighbors. You wouldn't reward a student for a late paper, so why would you reward a student who missed the deadline in this instance?



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Letter to the Editors

Dear Editors,

As the elected representatives of the male Greek Community we are writing to ask for the support of the entire campus in trying to improve the collective conduct of both Greek and independent guests returning to the residence halls from off-campus social events. There have been complaints from the community about noise, vandalism, and public drunkenness stretching back to last semester. Please remember that whether you are socializing at an apartment or at one of our house, you are first and foremost tan ambassador representing Westminster and all of its students.

As officers of the five fraternities, we have been working with Borough officials to try and improve relations between the Borough and the College but we need your support as well. We want our houses to continue to be places where our friends and invited guests can gather for fun and frolic but pointless vandalism and excessive noise in the early hours of the morning jeopardizes our ability to do this.

We ask you to be mindful that families with small children, households with retirees, and residents of the Shenango Home keep different hours than we do. Most of us would agree that holding a noisy event inside our residence halls at 10 a.m. on a Saturday or Sunday morning would be very disruptive to our attempt to catch some Z's. Correspondingly, the rowdy conduct of a small number of partygoers is having exactly that disruptive effect on our neighbors in the community.

Our request to the campus is a simple one. Please help us to be good neighbors by your good conduct when traveling to and from off campus social events. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Marcus Corvino, IFC
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

Mystic River

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

We had quite the difficulty deciding just how to make Mystic River appealing to the masses of Westminster College. We couldn't properly hype it up since an opening sentence that read "MURDER! BETRAYAL! CHILD MOLESTATION!" may not actually draw an audience like this movie deserves.

This heavy drama takes place in Boston, and involves three childhood friends, Sean (Kevin Bacon), Jimmy (Sean Penn) and Dave (Tim Robbins). Their friendship, however, took an irreversible turn one day when Dave was abducted in front of Jimmy and Sean by child molesters. Though he managed to escape days later, Dave was changed forever, as was the friendship between all three boys. As adults, they have gone their separate ways, but remain acquaintances. The mysterious murder of Jimmy's teenage daughter brings together these three friends once again. Sean is the lead investigating officer on the case, while Dave is an in-law to Jimmy's family. Oddly enough on the night of the murder, Dave stumbled into his home bleeding and telling a somewhat unbelievable story to his wife, Celeste (Marcia Gay Harden). As the investigation continues, suspect grows of Dave's involvement in the girl's murder and a mixed up web of emotions evolve.

Based on the novel by Dennis Lehane, this film is a very detailed character study. As in life, there are no definite heroes and villains. Each character walks a line of good and evil and it is where your personal morals stand that you either sympathize for or despise each character. The characters are all extremely realistic with every thought and reaction showing an emotion deep inside. This emotion is shown, not only from the actors, but also through the breathtaking direction of Clint Eastwood.

> The events in this film are not pleasant, and you may not enjoy the outcome [...] It is meant to show the harshness and unchangeable reality of life. That is its power and its brilliance.

Chris says: Tom and I have now found ourselves not quite agreeing on how to rate this film. But since we were on the topic of direction, I must make note that Peter Jackson and all Lord of the Rings supporters better be thanking God that Eastwood already has a directing Oscar. His work is really that amazing.

For the most part this movie is wonderful. The beginning is so perfect that you might as well be in the bar with Dave or playing hockey with the boys. As the characters grow on screen, the audience is even more drawn in.

However, that's where my trouble with Mystic River lies. Shortly halfway through the movie, the characters begin to make moves that totally go against what we've come to expect from them. Now this happens only a couple of times, but they're so out of nowhere that it's impossible to miss them.

The only other problem I really had with Mystic River was the ending. Things are just a little too convenient for me, and while this is going on, a couple of old issues are failed to be resolved and a couple of new issues are brought up with five minutes left to go. This is mainly sloppy writing, but it does hurt this rather beautiful film.

Because of these problems you can mark Mystic River a B+ from Chris. But this is a B+ in the "Oscar Worthy" world. In the world of general movies, it's as A as they come.

Tom says: I agree that this film was extremely well made, with brilliant direction by Eastwood. However, this film is not only good; it is one of the best of the year, as it is guaranteed to be in my top ten list at years end.

The main reason for this success is the relationship between director and performer in creating such a strong film. The actors are simply brilliant and astonishing. The cast includes not only Penn, Robbins, and Harden (who are all destined for Oscar nominations, guaranteed) but also Bacon, Laurence Fishburne and Laura Linney. This is by far, the best cast of the year.

Another reason to love the film so much is the sheer realism that is contained in every shot. Eastwood creates a story that is real life, not fiction or Hollywood sensationalism. The events in this film are not pleasant, and you may not enjoy the outcome, and you may wish for something different. However, that is life and that is the point of this film. It is meant to show the harshness and unchangeable reality of life. That is its power and its brilliance.

As already stated, expect a ton of Oscar nominations come January, particularly a nom for Best Picture. In the "Oscar Worthy" category, this is an A- because there are a few films coming out this year that could be even better. However, compared to a regular trip to the cinema, this is a stellar A.

Witches, vampires and Tim Curry... Oh my!

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

Guess what? It's Halloween. And that means you can watch Halloween movies and not worry about ridicule from your holiday-truistic roommate. So, by the power vested in me and all things candy corn, I give you, my Trickers and Treaters, some quintessential Halloween flicks to check out this weekend. Some are obvious picks, some not so much, but all classics in their own right. Or at least in my little world.

We'll start out slow with some fun for the whole family films. You can't go wrong with "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!" The Charlie Brown specials get better with age, I've found. This will not disappoint.

Next, there's one of the greatest little movies that could, "The Worst Witch," starring a very young Fairuza Balk, as Mildred Hubble, and the king of all things cult, Tim Curry, as the illustrious Grand Wizard. There's songs, ("Anything can happen on Halloween... Has anyone seen my tabourine?") triumph over the mean girl, and kittens. You can't beat that with a stick.

Also, I recommend the Disney film, "Hocus Pocus." It's Bette Midler's best movie since, well, ever. Just watch the Disney Channel this weekend, I guarantee it'll be on.

Finally, for the older kids, we have "The Nightmare before Christmas." Typically, I watch this one around Thanksgiving, since the movie is appropriate for both Halloween and Christmas. This film is clay-mation at its finest and has some incredible music, making it an absolutely brilliant offering by Tim Burton.

Another oft overlooked Burton film is "Sleepy Hollow," starring Johnny Depp and Christina Ricci. The famous legend is explored through darkly beautiful settings, as well as incredible costumes. The visuals are enough to make up for the shaky screenplay.

As stated earlier, Tim Curry is the king of the cult flicks, especially of the Halloween variety. Case and point: "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Granted, this really should be viewed in a theater, dressed in costume, throwing rice and yelling at the screen. It's a good time, I swear. However, you can give it your best with a roomful of friends, audience participation lines from the movie's wesite, and a DVD player. Just don't light any candles during the "Over at the Frankenstein Place" number. We don't need any dorms burning down.

Another thing synonymous with Halloween is the almighty vampire. One worth checking out include campy vampire film, "The Lost Boys," starring Corey Haim, Corey Feldman, and Alex Winter, of "Bill and Ted" fame. Besides, when you double the Coreys, you double the fun.

A back to back viewing of the 1922 film "Nosferatu" and 2000's "Shadow of the Vampire" could also prove to be a good time. The latter is a truly great film that focuses on the production of "Nosferatu" – loosely based on Dracula - and the legend that the lead actor, Max Schreck, really was a vampire.

For a whole evening of film watching, I suggest going for any series of slasher movies. Most appropriate is the "Halloween" series, which boasts eight films, plus there's rumor "Halloween 9" is in pre-production.

Some would go as far to think that "Halloween" is the "Citizen Kane" of modern horror films, in that it paved the way for numerous other films of the kind, including three "Scream" films, nine "Friday the 13th" films, seven "Nightmare on Elm Street" films, and the marriage of the two, "Freddy vs. Jason," which really is fine holiday fun for the whole family. Of course, you can combine laughs with frights, and do the "Scary Movie" series, the third of which is out in theaters right now.

So, whether you chose to scare yourself silly or laugh 'till you cry, there are more than enough Halloween-related movies to satisfy any taste.

Green Party marches in D.C. rally

by Isaac Ludwig
Senior Staff Writer

This past Saturday, October 25, eight members of the Westminster College Green Party went to Washington DC to celebrate the second anniversary of the PATRIOT Act. Almost 40,000 people attended the march and rally called by two groups, United for Peace and Justice and ANSWER. The event was held not only to protest the PATRIOT Act's stripping of our various civil liberties, but also to address various looming issues such as the Iraqi quagmire, trade issues leading up to the FTAA talks in Miami, and a general contempt for President Bush.

The WC Green Party group left New Wilmington around 5:30 AM and returned from DC around midnight that same day. Branislav Cikel fearlessly piloted the van while Ashley Caskey, Ken Jae, Elaine Blevins, Colby King, Isaac Ludwig, Heidi Abel and Jeremy Baker who all took part in the long day trip, slept, talked or listened to music.

A wide variety of speakers spoke at the rally including, former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, Martin Luther King the III, "Lord of

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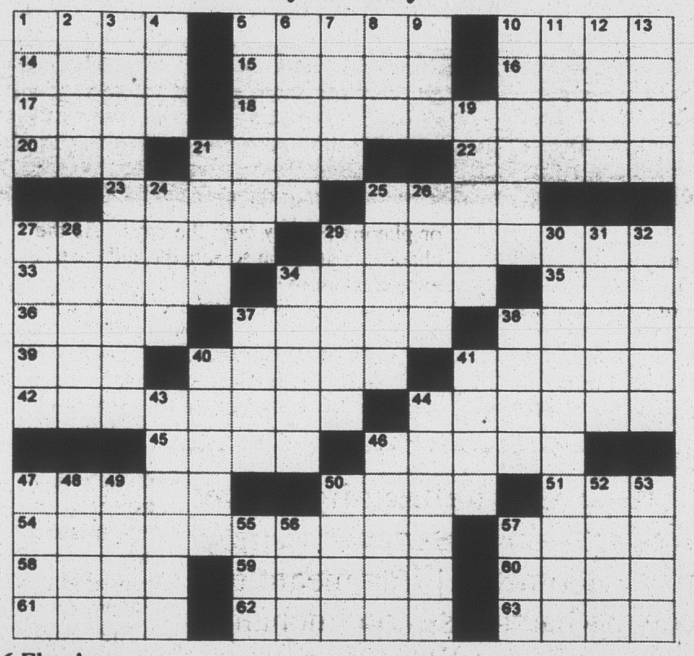
Crossword 101

By The Sea

By Ed Canty



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43 Take place
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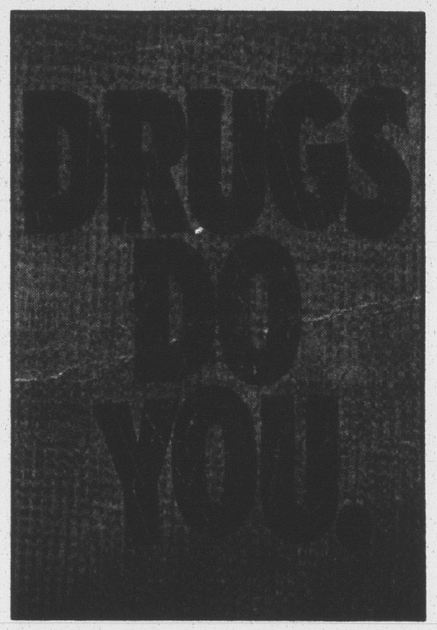


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Use all of the resources available to you. A family argument may take some extra attention to straighten out, with no serious fallouts. You may need to make some choices - between spending more quality time with family and friends, or advancing at work.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
There seems to be some apparent conflict, but it is of a healthy variety, and may yield some unexpected benefits in the form of totally new approaches to routine situations. Don't make hasty decisions regarding financial matters until you know the whole story.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
You and your significant other may make a wonderful connection and the sense that you are growing closer will bring both of you joy. Success will be yours, even if it is of a low-key nature. You know you've made great strides, and soon the right people will notice.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Try to take it easy this week. You have been going at a frantic pace, and it will start to catch up with you. Decisions made hastily may be flawed, so put off action until you have all the facts. Treat yourself to something special, and maybe something a little frivolous.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
You will get ahead by working hard. Nothing less than your reputation is at stake, but no need to worry since your work is usually above reproach. Expect a little bit of a delay, because soon you'll be riding on the crest of success. The spotlight is yours. You deserve it.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Prosperity is an issue, so instead of whining, take action. Work a little harder and you'll be surprised at the financial results. A surge of inspiration will enable you to get through any potentially rough situations - clear all avenues of communication.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Use your clout to get some new and different changes off the ground at work. Friends and co-workers can really come in handy now. You're working for no less than the greater good of all involved - remember this. Don't be taken in by careless flirting with someone new.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Keeping your nose to the grindstone is admirable to a point, but you might make a better impression with superiors if your approach is more balanced. Learn to give some responsibilities to others if you are interested in a management position.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
You tend to keep your emotional distress to yourself, and this might not be for the best. Allow someone close to penetrate your defenses. Your beauty comes from within, and creates a glow that is obvious to others around you. Make plans carefully to assure a positive outcome.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
A little contemplation will get your week off on a calm and clear path. You are pleased with the results up until now, but do want to improve your work. Allow troublesome obstacles to dissolve themselves. You can't hasten this process by hovering and worrying needlessly.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Is your current relationship a little unbalanced? If so, playing the role too faithfully can bring resentment and boredom. Maybe a planned weekend pleasure trip is just what the doctor ordered. One or both of you may need to learn something new. Make peace with inevitable changes.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
When working on your financial plan for the future, avoid putting all your eggs in one basket. Anything that looks definite may not be beneficial in the end. Diversify investments and don't expect to get rich overnight. Any health problems are probably from neglect.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Catch up on correspondence with friends. Be wary though, encounters with others may end in emotional outbursts, which may leave you a bit bewildered. You may feel that you are constantly at battle with your significant other, which leads you nowhere.

Insert Angry Voice Here: Computer access woes

by **Drew Huston**
News Editor

Do you know what angers me? Do you know what really riles me up? Do you know what just makes my teeth clench in sheer rage? Well, a lot of things. But this week, I would like to focus upon an issue that is near and dear to all of our hearts - the issue of computer labs. First of all, why are the computer labs on this campus being shut down? Why has the information systems budget been cut, when it is one of the most frequently-accessed and appreciated services on campus? Why cut their money, when there are other areas whose coffers are still quite fat (hint, hint, alumni entertainment and relations)? Why hinder the students who haven't brought computers to campus even more than they already are now? Why cut the funding of something that Westminster takes pride in? You all have seen the emails that tout Westminster College as one of Yahoo!'s "Most Wired Campuses." Well, those wires don't help us if there are no labs to access them. Those wires become null and void when the budget to maintain and use them is slashed while other budgets are not reduced as dramatically, or even at all.

Yes, this school is in a financial crunch right now, as are most schools of our size. However, that's no reason to make the students suffer. Our tuition went up over 4% last year alone. Remember? We're paying more money to go here, and we're getting less, at least in the way of computer labs and their availability. I'm angry about this, because this is a blatant overlooking of what students want and what they expect to get for paying $25,000 a year to go here. We want to be able to access computers.

Our computer labs are being taken away from us. Our tuition goes up. There should be some sort of balance there, but I guess it eludes me. Cut some other budgets. If this trend of a decline in services and an increase in tuition continues, I fear that ultimately everybody, the College included, will suffer.

> We, the students (Hi! Remember us?), were told that we would always have available access to the Internet if we came here...

Recently, I was at an SGA meeting where the members of the IRC (Information Resources Council) told us just what the deal was with the computer labs. They explained to us that they predicted that this campus will be constantly moving onward toward a wireless network, as technology progresses. My contention (and there were a few of them that I will bring up) was mainly what about those students who are not in good enough economic shape to buy wireless hardware? There simply must be some labs that will be left open for the students who cannot afford their own computer, or would prefer not to have one in their dorm room. What about them? Must they endure a lack of computer labs because of budget cuts, or because wireless technology says that they should just be richer and should just be able to afford the latest breakthroughs?

Another problem I had was that if we do indeed cut the number of labs on campus (as we did this year, with the result being classes that were formerly in that lab being moved to other labs), where will all the classes that take place in labs go? That's right - those classes will go into the few remaining labs, cutting the hours that the students who don't have computers can access those labs even more. So, what's the result of these budget cuts and the drive toward technological progress? Well, the more modestly-funded students who go here will have to suck up the fact that they will not be able to type their Capstone paper because the budget was cut and because someone else could afford a $5,000+ laptop that supported wireless technology (that means, briefly, that if you're poor, you're SOL.) Come on. Give Information Systems money. We, the students (Hi! Remember us?), were told that we would always have available access to the Internet if we came here, and that computer access was plentiful. So, keep it that way. GIVE THEM THE MONEY. CUT SOMETHING ELSE (see my previous hint). If we're one of America's "Most Wired Campuses," make sure that those wires can be used by everybody, not just by those who can fork over the additional money.

I have a lot of pride in my school. I want to see it be the best it can be. I want to make sure that students get the most out of their four (or more) years here, and I don't want to be viewed as just a whiner, but as someone who gives at least somewhat constructive criticism. Look into it. Help us out. We will very much appreciate it, and I can guarantee that at least one long letter of appreciation will come to every member of the administration who took part in those reforms - mine.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY
3:30 pm Cross Country PAC Championships (H)
6:00 and 8:00 pm Volleyball @ PAC Tournament (Waynesburg)
6:30 pm M&W Swimming: Titan Relay Carnival (H)
7:00 pm Alpha Psi Omega Presents The Complete Works of William Shakespeare — MCC Club Room
7:30 pm Halloween Organ Concert – Orr Auditorium

SATURDAY
10:00 am Volleyball @ PAC Tournament (Waynesburg)
Noon W Soccer @ Waynesburg
1:00 pm Football vs. Frostburg State (H)
7:00 pm Mass
7:00 pm Alpha Psi Omega Presents The Complete Works of William Shakespeare — MCC Club Room

SUNDAY
National Non-Traditional Student Week (Through 11/8)
2:00 pm Alpha Gamma Delta Sisterhood Retreat — MCC Witherspoon Maple
3:00 pm Orchestra Concert – Orr Auditorium
6:15 pm IFC Meeting
7:00 pm Vespers
8:30 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – PH 311/312
8:30 pm Kappa Delta Meeting – MCC Witherspoon
9:00 pm Movie – MCC 219

MONDAY
Alpha Phi Omega Service Week (Through 11/9)
10:00 am - 2:00 pm Ring Days — Orchard Street Café
11:40 am Chapel
W Soccer @ PAC Tournament
5:15 pm Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
7:00 pm Seekers Praise Band Practice — Chapel
9:00 pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting — MCC 352
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Student Lounge

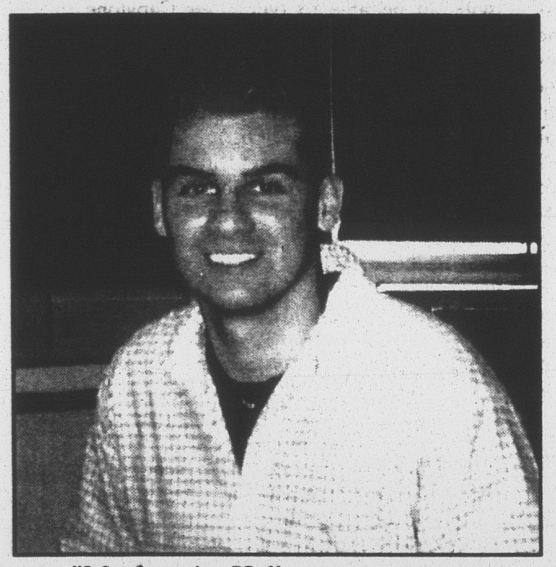
TUESDAY
ELECTION DAY
M Soccer @ PAC Tournament
10:00 am - 2:00 pm Ring Days — Orchard Street Café
12:30 pm Faculty Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall
5:00 pm Psych Club — Phillips Lecture Hall
5:30 pm SAA Meeting
7:00 pm International Film Festival: Antonia's Line (Dutch) – MCC 219
7:00 pm Habitat for Humanity Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Student Lounge

WEDNESDAY
11:40 am Faculty Forum – MCC 219
11:45 am Black Student Union Meeting — MCC 255
W Soccer @ PAC Tournament
5:30 pm PRSSA Meeting — PH 311
7:00 pm SGA Meeting – MCC 219
9:30 pm Seekers Fellowship — MCC Witherspoon Maple

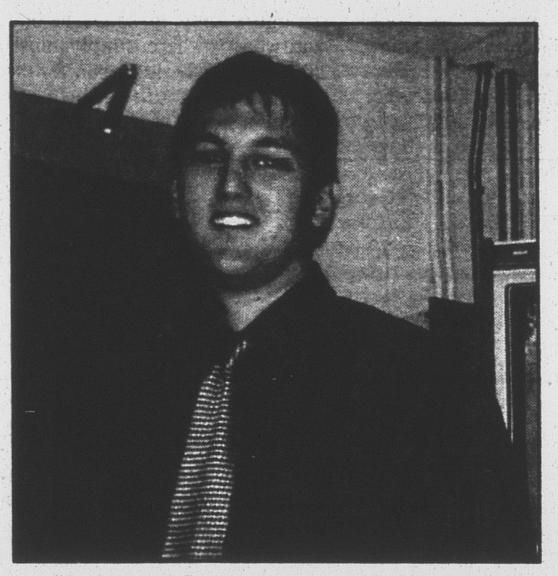
THURSDAY
M Soccer @ PAC Tournament
4:30 pm Math and Computer Science Colloquium – HSC 152
6:00 pm College Republicans — TC 210
7:00 pm College Republicans Guest Speaker, Rep. Jeff Coleman — MCC Student Lounge
6:30 pm S.I.F.E. Meeting — MCC 255
8:00 pm Celebrity Series: Linda Eder – Orr Auditorium
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Student Lounge

FEATURE

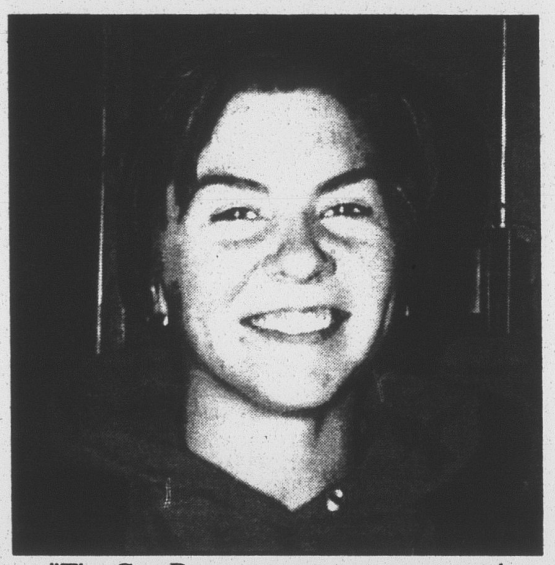
Question of the Week: Favorite Costume?



"My favorite Halloween costume was what I called a demon - what it was was a black mask you could see out of, but they couldn't see your face. It was hard to see in the dark with it on, so I kept tripping when trick-or-treating." - **Craig Carlin, senior**



"Last year I was a cow, and a lot of people wanted to touch my udders. I didn't mind it, it was a sweet time."
- **Craig Rechichar, senior**



"The CareBear costume my mom made - Funshine Bear." - **Ashley Roberts, junior**

"My mom once made me a costume of the Reese's peanut butter cup wrapper." - **Lauren Annibale, senior**

"My favorite Halloween costume was when my best friend and I dressed up as crazy cats in mismatched outfits, crazy socks and shoes, and fluffed out our hair. Everyone thought we were Josie and the Pussycats." - **Amanda Hauger, sophomore**

"This year, I was little red riding hood. But it was last-minute and makeshift, and I had to make a shirt into a skirt."
- Amy DalBon, junior

"I don't know...I've been a princess, when I was little, with a cereal box princess mask...I like things with wands, I guess."
- Sarah Ubry, junior

Halloween invites your inner-child to come out and play

by Carolyn Miller
Feature Editor

It's that time again - when witches appear on every fencepost, when jack-o-lanterns grin their toothy smiles at anyone who passes, and when even the most grown-up of kids break under the unofficial holiday spirit and gorge themselves on as much candy as possible.

Man, I love this time of year.

Ever since I was a kid, I've always loved Halloween. Getting to dress up, and then even allowed to stay out past my bedtime so I can run around the darkened neighborhood and scare all my friends who I don't recognize anyway since they're all dressed up like I am. Of course, I wasn't allowed to run around too much until I was older and my parents finally deemed me responsible enough to walk around the neighborhood on my own for two hours. That happened eighth grade year, I believe.

Candy, in my opinion, is definitely the best part of Halloween. Especially the day after Halloween, when all the candy goes on sale for a dollar, and then you have enough to literally last you past Christmas. But the second best part of Halloween is undoubtedly the freedom to dress up.

Granted, when you're a dork like I am, you take any and every opportunity to dress up (including days like 'Talk Like a Pirate Day' and weekend cosplay conventions). But Halloween is the one time of the year when I can go out in public and not wonder how insane everyone else thinks I am. People dress up crazily for Halloween, and it's socially accepted, something rare for me.

Two important things I've learned about costuming are as follows: number one, originality is key, especially if you're entering a costume contest. Number two, Goodwill is your friend.

So, like every other year before this one, I am struck with the ultimate question - what should I be for Halloween? I don't like to duplicate costumes, and I've had quite a few. Some of my proudest ones include a ghost (the typical white sheet, but with black and white ghastly makeup, long pointy gloves, and a mess of hairspray), and a catgirl (complete with ears, tail, and furry wrist cuffs).

Costuming, as much fun as it is, has a tendency to run a little expensive. I like to avoid commercial costumes unless they have a piece that I'd need for another costume. I pulled off a perfectly good schoolgirl outfit for under $10, and all the pieces are perfectly good to be worn at other times of the year, albeit separately.

Two important things I've learned about costuming are as follows: number one, originality is key, especially if you're entering into a costume contest. Number two, Goodwill is your friend. It's easy on the wallet, and sometimes you can get costume ideas just by browsing the racks. It's amazing the deals you can find in a Goodwill or a Salvation Army - and some of the clothes are hilarious as well. How many department stores carry shiny gold bowties?

Going to Goodwill to put together a costume is where originality comes into play. Granted, you probably won't be able to pull off a caveman outfit from what you'll find on the racks. But with a huge fur coat and a few scarves, you could be an Eskimo. Or if you wanted a pirate costume, buying a few pieces of clothing for $2 each and then ripping them a little is more authentic and often cheaper than buying the kit at Spencer's for $20.

Of course, we're a little old now to go trick-or-treating. It's a fact that's depressed me over the last four years. I've always looked young for my age, but I've officially passed the point of being able to pass as a teenager, so no more free candy for me. But there are always parties, contests, and all those other things adults do for Halloween. Times like these, being a grown-up is fun!

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the Rings" star Viggo Mortensen (Aragorn), Democratic presidential candidate Rev. Al Sharpton.

"It was amazing to see the number of people who showed up for the march. All of those people joining together in one place to fight for a similar cause was truly inspiring," Caskey said.

"The March was totally awesome! It was my first march and it totally rocked my world!" Abel said.

While not with the Green Party, another Westminster student also attended the march. Russell Mills was in DC for an interview for an internship with the FBI. He decided to stop and see what was going on.

"Although I didn't agree with all the views that were expressed, it was a great event that brought people from all walks of life together to show what our country is based on: peaceful protesting and democracy. Also, there were a ton of Dean people there along with a ton of Kucinich people," Mills said.

The Westminster College Green Party was formed at Westminster in spring semester of 2002 and subscribes to the ten key values of the Green Party of the United States: grassroots democracy; social justice; ecological wisdom; nonviolence; decentralization; community-based economics; feminism and gender equity; respect for diversity; personal and global responsibility; and future focus. In the group's first full year they brought Green Party PA lieutenant gubernatorial candidate Vicki Smedly and U.S. House of Representatives, PA District 3 candidate AnnDrea Benson, organized Storm and Castle and Books Not Bombs. The group was also involved in numerous regional progressive causes and worked in conjunction with Allies, Westminster gay-straight alliance, on tactics for reprimanding Senator Santorum in the wake of negative comments make about homosexual individuals.

The next event the group will be taking part in will be the stop the FTAA march and rally in Pittsburgh PA on 15 November. This event will precede the FTAA meetings in Miami, FL that following week where representatives from most of the countries in the western hemisphere will be discussing the formation a large free trade area similar to NAFTA. Jae will also be attending the demonstrations that week in Miami.

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Green Party marches in D.C. rally against PATRIOT act and U.S. occupation in Iraq.

from WIRELESS page 3

about the future wireless internet capabilities.

"I just think that it'll be really nice because you'll be able to do your homework other places besides the library and your room," said Thomas.

Junior sociology major Tom Oyer agrees.

"I'm all for it, if it's going to help everyone on campus and be more convenient," said Oyer.

According to Wallace, wireless Internet has many advantages, like the capability to connect PC's to networks at locations that traditional cabling isn't available. But there are also disadvantages. Since the Internet is wireless, transmission speeds are significantly slower. It is also harder to control security with wireless Internet. Another disadvantage is that the possibility of interruptions is greater than with hard-wired Internet capabilities.

Wireless Internet works similar to the way that cell phone networks do. A PC with a wireless connection encodes data and transmits it into the air to be picked up by a receiving device called an "access point." The access points for wireless internet will be connected to the hard-wired internet that is utilized currently.

In the future, wireless internet may become the main source of internet access. Wallace stated that at first it will be used in addition to the network already in use on campus.

"Eventually, wireless may become the primary networking environment, but it will take years and still more advances in wireless technology to reach that point-similar to the way it's taking time for cell phones to gradually replace traditional telephones," Wallace said.

So will the quad really be a wireless zone?

"It is probable at some point that the middle of the quad will be in a wireless zone because it is an area of high traffic as students move about the campus and want to use the benches or other locations on the quad to connect to resources," Wallace said.

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No heart vs bleeding heart: Gun Control

by Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

The question brought before us today: What exactly does the 2nd Amendment mean? Does it grant every individual the right to own a weapon, or was it intended specifically for militias? I vote for the former. The founders planned for the people of this country to possess the right of gun ownership, and it is imperative today for that right to continue.

Before we begin, let's read the 2nd Amendment together. It states, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Some would argue that the wording of the Amendment suggests that the "right of the people" refers back to that of the militia, not an individual right to gun ownership. However, I would argue that the two were deliberately separated in order to guarantee two specific rights: the right of the state to run and maintain a militia, and the right of an individual to purchase and maintain arms. In the earliest interpretations of the 2nd Amendment, my view has been supported. It has been reported that almost every essay written in the 18th century treated the 2nd Amendment to be one granting an individual right to gun ownership. The 18th century, boys and girls, means that these people were alive during the time of the Founders, so I would weigh their opinions heavier than someone alive today.

The Supreme Court, through several decisions over the past two centuries, upholds my view as well. Its rulings in United States v. Cruikshank (1876),

Presser v. Illinois(1886), and US v. Miller (1939), prohibited the federal government and state from restricting an individual's right to bear arms, although often "arms" was defined to be a militia type firearm. However, the most influential ruling is a recent one, United States v. Verdugo-Urquirdez (1990). In it, the Supreme Court defines the term "the people" to mean every citizen in the United States. Therefore, the 2nd Amendment, according to the rulings of the Supreme Court, does in fact give this right. And if you can't trust the Supreme Court to interpret the Constitution, who can you trust?

Besides the interpretation of the 2nd Amendment, it is simple common sense for citizens to be guaranteed this right. Say we restrict the sales of guns to the public. Who would obey these laws and regulations? That's right, the common good citizens, those people who we are trying to protect. Who won't? Criminals and drug lords who have the connections to obtain these weapons illegally, who will then have an advantage over any common citizen. These criminals will have no qualms about invading our homes, robbing our stores, committing random hate crimes, etc. After all, how can WE stop them? Militias are fine and dandy, but they won't be of much service when there's a .38 caliber pointed at your head. Well, at least the baseball bat industry will rocket. Maybe that's the democratic plan to revive our economy.

So there you have it, you, an American citizen, do in fact have a right to bear arms, as given to you by our beloved Founders in the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution. My advice: Don't be an idiot about it, that's what gets these debates started.

by Richard Marmura
Resident Liberal

When you ask most people what the second Amendment to the Constitution reads you get a myriad of responses. Some haven't a clue what it is. Some have partial knowledge and declare that the Second Amendment states that all citizens have the "right to bare arms". SOME, however, know that the full amendment reads "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed".

Before we go any further, let me set-up some background information. This Amendment was written over 200 years ago at a point when the United States had no national army and little means to defend itself from outside threats; albeit local and state militias. This Amendment was to help guarantee the successful creation/continuation of militias for the purpose defense. So we can see that this Amendment has little (to nothing) to do with present day America. We are the greatest military power the world has ever known. 2/3 of the military spending done on the planet, is done by the United States. We not only outspend our enemies, but our allies as well! Thus with all the spending that is done on keeping our military "state of the art", it is doubtful that America will have to rely on the local militias for protection any time soon.

But if the 2nd Amendment is referring to militias, than why are there huge debates over gun-control? Well, (obviously) this is where the article gets partisan. Those of us on the liberal side of the spectrum tend to favor gun-control; such as registration of guns, background checks for ownership and bans on assault weapons. Those on the right often disagree with those initiatives. When citing reasons for being against gun-control, those on the political right usually quote the "partial amendment" I addressed earlier. Those on the right make the argument that the 2nd Amendment simply says that American have "the right to bare arms", but we have seen that this is not the case.

Let's pretend, that the Amendment was truly in this "partial" form that the political fight and Charlton Heston love to quote. These folks, essentially, argue that there can be no restrictions on gun ownership because it is "protected" by the "partial" second amendment. However, "protected" rights are restricted all the time! For example, free speech is a protected right, however, it is not without its limits! You can't threaten, slander, or make false claims (watch out George W. Bush...). You can't say anything you want. Another example is that we all have the right to assembly; however, you usually have to get a permit to assemble on a large scale (ie parade, rally, etc...). Those of us above the age of 18 have the right to vote, however, we all must register to exercise this right! Thus we see that even those protected rights are often times limited; and thus our "partial amendment" should be no different!

Not all on the right argue for gun-control on the basis of the "partial amendment"; some argue that it is simply not the place of the government to intervene in such matters. This is often followed up with the attack that liberals favor "big brother government". However, the fact of the matter is if conservatives were truly worried about "big brother", there would be no "Patriot Act". For those of you who don't know, the Patriot Act, basically, allows the government to spy on its own citizens. They are allowed to tap phone lines, read mail and e-mail, keep track of what you view on the Internet, what books you borrow from the library and even what you buy; via credit/bank card. Additionally, you can be imprisoned for up to two years without being charged with a crime and you aren't even guaranteed a to trial. The Patriot Act potentially violates Constitutional Amendments 4, 5, 6 and 8; and we are talking about whole amendments, not just "partial" ones). All of this was created in the name of stopping terrorism, yet can be used against any American. The Republicans/Bush Administration fully support the Patriot Act, however, it's the Democrats that are supposedly for big government!?!? Give me a break!

Interestingly enough, however, one of the only areas of commerce the government cannot track in the name of the Patriot Act is gun sales! Guns sales have increased dramatically since the September 11th attacks, but the government is not checking to see if suspected terrorists are purchasing guns! "But why?" you may be asking, oh gentle reader. Well, it turns out that the NRA successfully lobbied the Bush Administration to "protect gun rights" under the Patriot Act. This means that the government can invade all of the areas of your life that I mentioned earlier, but they cannot look to see if you are stockpiling guns or ammunition. So essentially, we have a better chance of finding out what movies a potential terrorist has rented from Blockbuster, rather than knowing if they have been purchasing guns.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we must acknowledge that gun violence is indeed a problem in America. I do not support eliminating hand guns and hunting weapons, however, I do support banning assault weapons (such as those used during the Columbine tragedy). I do support gun registration and I do support background checks for gun ownership. In the end, I support using common sense to tackle the problem, over ignoring the problem out-right.

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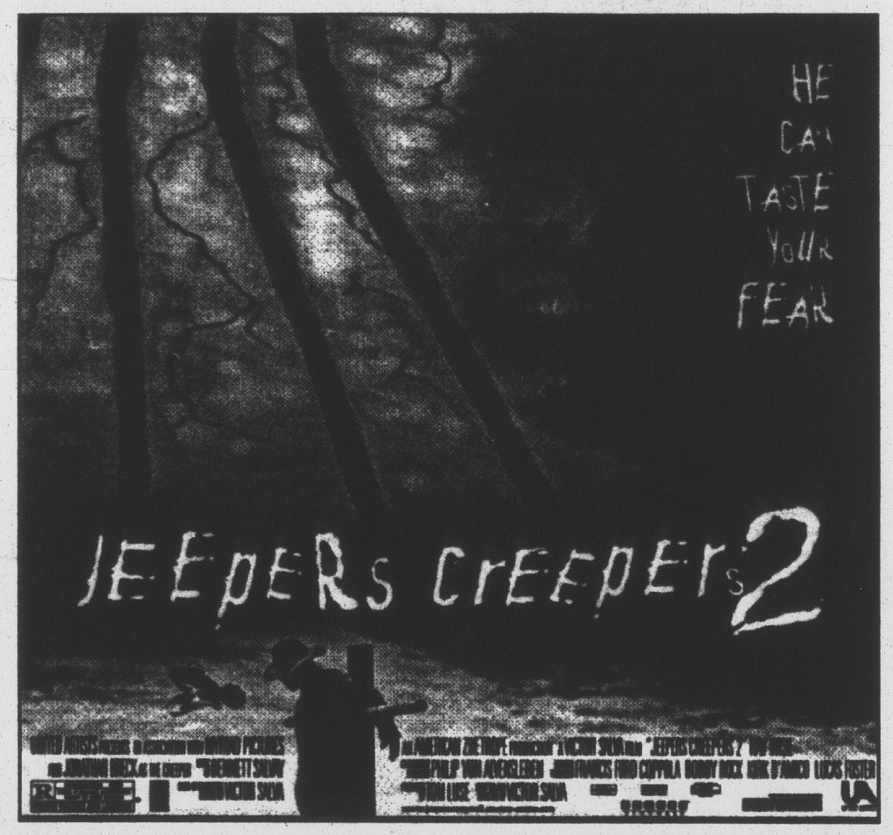
Saturday



Cabin Fever

Saturday
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Sunday

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CAMPUS NEWS

Cast prepares for opening performance of Laramie Project

by Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

The Laramie Project is a non-traditional, almost documentary-style work assembled in the aftermath of the 1998 beating and subsequent murder of Matthew Shepard in the town of Laramie, Wyoming. "It is about the response of the town Laramie, Wyoming to the beating of Matthew Shepard," said Stage Manager, Amanda Kovacic.

The play, according to Mackenzie, was assembled from factual sources such as court texts, newspaper articles, and interviews. It was arranged by the Tectonic Theatre Project, lead by Moises Kaufman shortly after the tragedy.

It is not a play in the traditional, narrative sense, according to Mackenzie. However, the individual pieces come together in a roughly chronological order.

The start is with Matthew Shepard himself. "We never meet Matthew Shepard in the play," Mackenzie said. "He's only talked about." Far from detracting from the play, Mackenzie sees this as vital to the drama-in learning about Matthew Shepard, our opinion of his character is not hinged upon the performance of a single individual, but by hearing the words of those who actually knew him.

The subsequent acts focus, in order, on the actual crime, on the media's response to it, and then on the aftermath of the tragedy. "All the characters in the play are people who were interviewed," said Mackenzie, adding factual weight to the production.

The play will also incorporate multimedia events, hopefully including both live and pre-recorded video elements. "For us, it's a new thing that as far as I know we haven't done here at Westminster," Mackenzie said.

The play deals with issues of homosexuality and homophobia, and comes in the wake of some anti-Jeans Day chalkings, as well as the conference Judie Shepard-Matthew Shepard's mother-gave on campus only two years ago. But Mackenzie insists he chose to do the production simply because it's a good play, though he also feels that these issues are important for Westminster campus.

Professor Mackenzie had wanted to do the production since his arrival at Westminster several years ago, but had not yet gotten the lay of the land. However, after he'd seen student reactions to the play when it showed at the Kennedy Center and seen them as vastly positive, he felt he hadn't given the campus enough credit.

"The thing I like about the play is that it puts out a message to accept people for who they are without being preachy about it," Mackenzie said. He does admit some instances where one of the characters, Fred Phelps, becomes extremely offensive and derogatory.

However, his remarks, and even some of the offensive signs displayed during the play, are quotations and taken directly from Phelps's condemnations of Matthew Shepard in the wake of his murder.

Mackenzie admits that the Tectonic Theatre Project had gay members, and likely sympathized with Matthew Shepard. "But they treat people with opposing points of view with respect," Mackenzie said. "There's no real 'gay agenda,' I think. It's more like, 'here's what happened.'"

"I think it's trying to say people are all different," Kovacic said. "But they're still people, and should be treated as such." She describes the play as supporting diversity, "but also just simple respect."

"It's a good show," Kovacic said. "If there's a dry eye at the end of the second act, I will be astounded."

The cast originally called for only seven members, but has been expanded at Westminster to about 17. Mackenzie is also very excited by the amount of interest students have taken in their parts. "The kids are wonderfully committed to this piece," he said. "They've made a real effort to discover who these characters were." Mackenzie thinks that the participants have received added motivation for researching their roles. "They seem to feel like they can make some kind of difference by doing this production at Westminster."

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Last weekend the cast and members of Allies travelled to the Mercer county courthouse to shoot video footage that will roll during the play.

Students at Westminster seem to be displaying interest in the production. Sophomore Jolene Slattery, who likes to see all the plays at Westminster, is excited. "I think it is important to address those issues especially after some of the reactions that came with Jeans Day," she said.

"I read the script for this one," said senior Nathan Zuzack. "I think it has a very important message for this campus. I think there's a kind of undertone of prejudice feelings in general." Zuzack thinks that the play can personalize the issue for students.

The Laramie Project will be opening next week in Beeghly Theater, Thursday Nov. 13 and continuing through Sunday Nov. 16. There will be 7:30 p.m. evening shows Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and 2:30p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday.

Westminster students and faculty may attend for free. Those not a part of the Westminster community may purchase tickets, which are priced at $7 for adults and $5 for students and seniors. The play's director, Scott Mackenzie, suggests reserving tickets immediately because of the amount of interest he's seen for the play.

The box office will be open to pick up reserved tickets between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and students should bring their Titan cards. The box office extension for making reservations is 7241.

Registration for dummies: Preparing for the big day

by Kim Nester
Campus Writer

Registration for the Spring 2004 semester will run from Monday, November 10, to Thursday, November 13, beginning at 3:00 p.m. each day. This year, it will take place in the new Witherspoon Maple Room on the third floor of the McKelvey Campus Center instead of the Russell Dining Hall.

Registration is set up so that students can go in and register quickly and efficiently. The day and time each individual student is expected to register is printed on the Permit-To-Register, which should be sent out the week of November 3. Students are advised to arrive 10 minutes prior to their scheduled appointment. On average, the amount of time the entire process takes is about 15-20 minutes per student. However, if students are not prepared and do not follow all the guidelines found inside the front cover and the yellow pages found in the back of the Spring 2004 Schedule Book, the process takes a lot longer.

According to Registrar June Garner, one of the things that is crucial students do not forget to do is to fill out and bring with them all the proper paperwork and an alternative course selection sheet.

"One of the most common problems students run into is that a class they really want is closed," Garner said. "The best way to handle that is to come into the room with a good attitude and degree of flexibility. The advisors are there to help you find other alternatives that will fit with your major and your lifestyle. We have never had someone not graduate because they couldn't get into a course that they needed."

This is the main concern most students on campus have about registration. "You have to reconfigure the greater part of your schedule in order to fit everything in," said Colin Dean, a freshman computer science major. "It's really not just one class."

"Some of the classes we are expecting to fill up quickly are the Visual and Performing Arts classes because there aren't many of them and upperclassmen get in first, Scientific Discovery, IP courses, and this semester's clusters," Garner said.

Other pieces of advice offered by Advisors are to have a planning sheet on file that lays out step-by-step the courses that are needed to graduate over the years, to keep in mind that not all courses count as IP courses, to remember to take nine electives outside of the major and outside of IP requirements, to meet with an Advisor as soon as possible so that any questions that may come across after the initial meeting can be answered and problems can be solved before Registration, to constantly check Web Student under Student Services on the Westminster webpage, and finally, smile.

"Registration is something you will do eight times during your career at Westminster," said Dr. Amy Camardese, assistant professor of education.

If a student is unable to register at his or her scheduled day and time, they may come to Registration any time after their scheduled appointment, but not before. The student must notify the Registrar's Office if he/she is unable to register at the scheduled appointment by calling 724-946-7136.

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Theta Chi Suitcase Party raffles tickets to Florida

by Chris Morgenstern
Campus Writer

On Nov. 13, Westminster will be introduced to a new kind of event when Theta Chi Fraternity hosts a suitcase party. This is a non-alcoholic party that will take place in the McKelvey Club Room in the campus center.

This is not only a chance for the community to come together and have a good time with friends and teachers, but also to win a trip to sunny Florida for four days.

The "Suitcase Party" is designed to raise money for the American Red Cross. Tickets were on sale for weeks in the Orchard Street Café and also in Galbreath Dining Hall.

These $10 tickets, give the people that purchased them the chance to win a all expense paid trip to Ft. Lauderdale or other exciting prizes including DVD players, DVD's, and gift certificates.

Coordinator of this event, Craig Carlin was optimistic about the party. "Everyone says that the Suitcase Party and Getaway is a great idea and that's why I kept with it despite lots of planning and obstacles. I'm sure the winners will have the time of their lives in Ft. Lauderdale," Carlin said.

The point of this party is for people to come with their suitcases packed, and ready to leave the party and head straight to the airport in a limousine.

The flight for Ft. Lauderdale will leave at six on the morning of November 14 from Pittsburgh International Airport.

They will be staying at the Best Inn, which sits directly on the beach. The winners will then be picked up at the airport on November 17 when their plane arrives.

Theta Chi is planning on having this party on an annual basis and hoping that in years to come, the results will be better "This is a great party and can be a lot of fun, but since this was the first year, everyone was a little unaware of all the details," junior Matt Buzard said.

All the money raised from this event, after the trip is paid for, will be donated to the Red Cross. "We'd like to have more money for the Red Cross, which is why we are hoping that next year this event will be more popular and more money can be raised," said sophomore, Theta Chi, Josh Hensler.

If anyone that purchased tickets has any questions about the trip, feel free to contact Craig Carlin or Bob Allen.

Craig's email address is carlinca@westminster.edu and his extension is 7996. Bob Allen's email address is allenrp@westminster.edu and his extension is 7996.

Diversity symposium challenges beliefs

by Elizabeth Grepp
Staff Writer

Emotionally charged subjects like homosexuality are difficult to discuss, especially in the context of religion.

On Oct. 30, the college held a Diversity Symposium event co-sponsored by Allies entitled Religion and Homosexuality: What's happening in our churches? The event was held in the Theatre Lecture Hall in the McKelvey Campus Center. The theatre was packed. People were forced to sit on the floor and the stairs.

Three speakers from three different churches were invited to present not only their personal opinions on the subject but also the position of the church to which they belong.

Judith Compher was the first speaker as a representative of the Pittsburgh Diocese. She was a 2003 graduate of Westminster and has been a member of Calvary Episcopal Church since 1976. She is also a chapter member of Allies.

When deciding to join the Episcopal Church, Compher chose a spiritual guide. She was diagnosed with AIDS and died some years later. After this experience she enrolled in the Pittsburgh AIDS task force. She was a member for ten years and was even president of the board of directors.

This past summer the first openly gay bishop was ordained into the Episcopal Church. However, there are those in the church who do not feel comfortable with this idea.

Compher fears the future of the church may be in danger. "It is my hope…that we will be able to find a way through this conflict," she said.

The next speaker was Connie Dunn, also a graduate of Westminster. She is currently enrolled in the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She is also the director of Christian education at East Liberty Presbyterian Church.

Dunn began by commending our generation saying that we understand both homosexuality and religion. She thinks that the problem lies in trying to fit religion and homosexuality together to accurately represent the Presbyterian Church.

She considers herself very lucky because she is able to look past a person's sexual preference.

"I can't be out there fighting all the 'isms'," said Dunn. "But I am able to transcend sexuality. I don't look at individuals and try to figure out what their sexuality is. I feel blessed to be able to look at a neighbor and see the face of Jesus."

The final speaker was Doctor Ronald Hoellein. He was ordained in 1973 in the United Methodist Church.

According to the Methodist Church, homosexuality is incompatible with scripture. Despite this he made it a point to tell people that he believes all people are of sacred worth and value.

There are petitions for changes within the church because there are many who disagree with the stand the church has taken. These people will seek to change it at the upcoming conference, which will be held in Pittsburgh in May of 2004.

Hoellein ended by saying that people need to talk about the issue and think about it biblically. "I am convinced that the future is in Jesus Christ," said Hoellein. His opinion differs from the church's. He says that all are welcome in his church. "All means all," said Hoellein.

Junior and sociology major Tom Oyer attended the Diversity Symposium. He attended the event because it was co-sponsored by allies, and he is a member. He felt that being there was a valuable experience.

"I thought the event was very informative on different views of homosexuality within different denominations of Christianity," said Oyer.

"Also, while some may argue that it did not include both sides of the argument, I would argue that the point of the diversity symposium is to show the "other" side or the diverse/minority side.

In this case, the views against homosexuality in religion are pretty clear and often spoke of. The views accepting of homosexuality are not as often heard and therefore were presented in this symposium."

Students bring Shakespeare's works alive

by Heather M. Jones
Campus Writer

Seven students and two months of hard work provided entertainment last weekend for the Westminster community. "Shakespeare Abridged" was performed Friday and Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. in McKelvey Club Room.

"Shakespeare Abridged" consists of three actors playing the role of the Reduced Shakespeare Company. The Company attempts to perform all of Shakespeare's works in 90 minutes. A fourth actor plays the part of the editor, who adds footnotes and sarcastic comments while sitting at a desk.

Alpha Psi Omega, the theatre honorary fraternity, chose junior theatre major Bob Allen to direct the play as a fundraiser.

The cast consisted of seniors Drew Huston and Chris Madjesky, junior Pat Shannon, and freshman Aiden Mewha. Huston, Madjesky, and Mewha played the part of the Reduced Shakespeare Company, while Shannon played the part of the editor. Senior Matt Nelson and freshman Mike Wolenski operated the lights and sound equipment.

"It was an honor to be chosen to direct this play," Allen said. He explained that he learned a lot, worked a lot, and was blessed with a "hard-working and talented cast and crew."

Starting in September, the group rehearsed four times a week. Approximately 100 seats were set up in the Club Room for the occasion. Their worked paid off, as students, faculty, friends, and family filled the room Friday and Saturday nights.

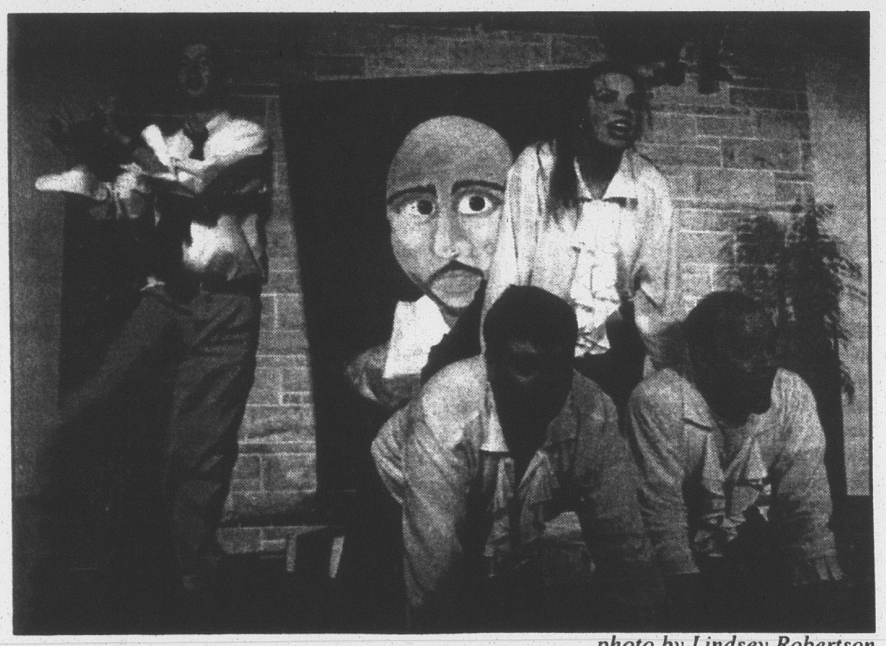
There was no charge for admission. Instead, the group asked for donations for Alpha Psi Omega.

"It was something different to do on the weekend and was very entertaining and funny," junior Ashley Williams said, who attended the show on Saturday.

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) is a work compiled by members of the Reduced Shakespeare Company. It is currently the longest running comedy in London.

The play has been widely praised in the United States. Allen remembered seeing bits and pieces of the play in high school and knew it would be a great choice for the Westminster community.

"I had a great time throughout this entire process and I am very proud of the cast and crew," Allen said after the show. "They put together a great show."



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Pat Shannon, Aiden Mewha, Chris Medjesky and Drew Huston perform "Shakespeare Abridged" in the Titan Tavern.

Spanish professor publishes book

by Logan Herlinger
Campus Writer

Spanish Professor Jeffrey Bersett recently finished a book on certain aspects of 19th Century Spanish Theater.

The book took about five years to complete and is Bersett's first major published work. It is entitled "El Burlado de Sevilla: Nineteenth Century Theatrical Appropriations of Don Juan Tenorio." It should be available, through the publishers website, in the next two or three weeks.

The book is about the popular Spanish play "Don Juan Tenorio," 1844, and the many parodies that were written in response to the work.

"One of the problems in working with this subject is that the plays are often lost. Even though they were written just 100 years ago, only around 70 percent of the original parodies are available today," Bersett said.

The parodies are often discovered in unusual ways. "Someone will die and donate their personal library, and these things just turn up," Bersett said.

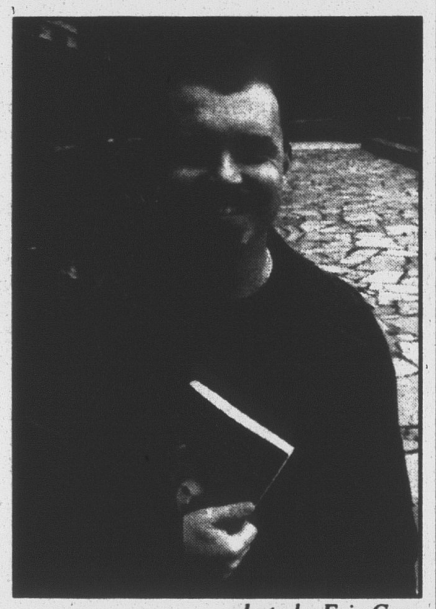
Bersett received his bachelor's in English Literature and Spanish from Washington University in his hometown of St. Louis. He went on to complete his graduate work at the University of Virginia, with two degrees, both in Spanish.

It was during his graduate work that Bersett received his inspiration for the book. "I wrote a paper in a graduate course on the very first parody that still exists. It was this dissertation that developed into the book," Bersett said.

The book is not intended for the average reader. It was written to serve as an academic tool, to help fill in the gaps for students studying 19th Century Spanish Theater.

Before coming to Westminster last fall, Bersett worked for six years at Stanford University and the University of California in Santa Cruz.

For more information on the book, visit www.juandelacuesta.com.



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Professor Jeffrey Bersett shows off his newest publication.

Eliminate junk mail through GroupWise

by Amanda McFadden
Campus Writer

Students and computer users who have become accustomed to junk e-mail are now presented with options on how to rid their accounts of the unwanted messages.

These techniques are available through the school and do not cost a penny. Students must use one of the computer labs in order to access the junk mail features.

According to Stanton Fleming, coordinator of user and desktop services, "GroupWise web access does not have the junk mail features. For the student body, this has to be done in a computer lab where the GroupWise clients are installed on the machines."

Fleming gave specific steps in order to get rid of junk e-mail. When the student gets to a computer lab, the first step is to select the GroupWise client, this is not accessible through the web browser. Then the student will select any unwanted emails, and then select "actions" in the toolbar section. After selecting "actions," the student will select "junk mail" and then "block sender." At this point, the user is asked to email address or email domain. Selecting email domain might block family and friends from reaching you, so it is recommended to select "e-mail address." The last step is to make sure that the "move item to trash folder" is selected.

By following the instructions precisely, junk e-mail can be deleted permanently.

Fleming also gave instructions on how to monitor which addresses and domains are blocked. This is done by choosing "actions" then "junk mail" and finally "junk mail handling." This will not work on Westminster College addresses.

The help section of the GroupWise client is a tool that can also aid in preventing junk e-mail from cluttering accounts. The section will answer most problems and concerns students may have about the deletion of junk email.

Fleming gave a brief outline on how to access the GroupWise client. By simply pulling up the client, pressing F1, and selecting the "contents tab" the student can find how to handle the junk email and by pressing the "+" button, the student can reveal junk email topics.

Many students are unaware that techniques to get rid of junk e-mail existed.

"I'd say anywhere between 10 to 20 e-mails a day are 'junk' e-mails. I delete them without even looking at them," said sophomore public relations major Colter McElree. After trying the recommended technique, he has a junk free account.

Omicron Delta Kappa to induct new members

by Nicole Kress
Campus Writer

Omicron Delta Kappa, more officially known as The Omicron Delta Kappa Society Inc. recently inducted 42 new members.

Omicron Delta Kappa was founded in 1914 and has been recognized on our campus for a number of years. Teachers and students alike may be inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa which is something that makes it unique from all the other honor societies affiliated with our campus. President R. Thomas Williamson, among 17 other well known professors and teachers is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa. The faculty advisor of the Omicron Delta Kappa is Dr. Lightner.

"Omicron Delta Kappa is a junior and senior national honor society similar to Lambda Sigma," said senior, membership selection chair Melissa Logan. Omicron Delta Kappa like Lambda Sigma is a leadership honor society designed for juniors and seniors who have demonstrated leadership qualities at the college level. Omicron Delta Kappa unlike other honors societies is nationally recognized.

"Members of Omicron Delta Kappa must exhibit leadership qualities and be among the top 35 percent in their class," said senior, President Kacie Zbur. Students recognized with this award are evaluated in different areas including scholarship, athletics, campus, social and religious and government services, journalism, speech and mass media, fundraisers and memorials and creative and performing arts.

"Omicron Delta Kappa holds a national convention each year, and it's a pretty big deal because the president of the US usually attends the convention," Logan said. Many students from the Westminster circle usually attend this conference. Omicron Delta Kappa members are members of a circle and not a chapter like most honor societies.

"Being a member of Omicron Delta Kappa is certainly an honor and it's so great to be able to offer this award to the new members," said Logan. "I'm proud to share this honor with the new members because I know that each new member must possess exemplary character, leadership in service and in campus and community life, superior scholarship, and genuine fellowship" she said.

Junior, Melissa Graham is one of the recently inducted new members and is very honored and excited about becoming a member of Omicron Delta Kappa. "I didn't know anything about Omicron Delta Kappa or what it was until the beginning of the semester when they sent me a letter inviting me to become a member," said Graham. "The application process was long and detailed and was based on a point system, the narrowed it down and the students with the most points were inducted," said Graham.

Junior Leslie Underwood is another recently inducted new member. "I feel honored to have even been offered this award and even more thrilled to actually be accepted," said Underwood. The official initiation of the new members will take place on December 7.

Service project required for graduation

by Kevin Huber
Campus Writer

The list of requirements to graduate is a long one. A student must pick a major, take the required classes, and maintain at least a C- average to pass. Let's not forget the IP courses to make us "well-rounded" individuals. And yes, one must be proficient in swimming to get his or her degree.

With all the necessities to graduate and the list of extracurricular activities that most students are involved in, it easy to forget the service project requirement.

Each Westminster student is required to complete 30 hours of community service before they graduate. The community service can be completed in each of the 4 years at Westminster, but is recommended for students to complete the requirement early so it's not a burden down the road.

The first step, and the most important, is to get the service project approved by your advisor. Paper work must be completed, which can be picked up in the career center or on the college website under "Career Center".

The career center, located on the third floor in the McKelvey campus center, is a great place to find community service projects. Emails are sent out periodically from the career center on service projects that can be completed. The college website has listings of places to complete the service project as well. Students can choose from coaching a sport to volunteering at the local Salvation Army.

Students can choose from sites the career center has listed, or come up with their own. Most student pick a project that aligns with their background or just because it fits into their busy schedule.

Senior Mike McKee enjoyed the time he spent volunteering. "I had the opportunity to help coach the 8th grade boy's basketball team at St. Mary's in Warren, Ohio," McKee said. "I had some of the most fun in my life."

Some students don't understand why the college requires the 30 hours of service. They feel that it is too difficult to find time to complete the community service in their busy schedules.

"It is going to be difficult for me to find time to do my 30 hours of community service," junior Scott Froelich said "Between the extra-curricular activities I'm involved in and working throughout the winter break, it's nearly impossible."

While some students are discouraged, others use the project to their advantage. "I knew I had to do the 30 hours, so I found something related to my major and put it on my resume," senior Sara Ialongo said.

For more information on completing your service requirement, contact the career center or visit the website at www.westminster.edu/Student/career.

Stork to visit communications department with double bundle

by Elizabeth Bacheson
Campus Writer

After a month of being bedridden, the excitement and the joy that will be present when seeing twenty fingers and twenty toes for the first time will be well worth the wait. Mrs. Colleen Deisler, professor of communications, is patiently awaiting the arrival of her twin baby girls.

Eight months pregnant and a mid-December due date, Deisler originally thought that she would be able to finish teaching her courses this semester without a problem.

"My husband and I found out through my ultrasound a few weeks before the semester began that we were expecting twins," Deisler said, "and since twins are considered to be full-term at thirty-six or thirty-seven weeks, my due date became closer to mid-November."

At this point in her pregnancy, one baby would normally weigh about four and a half pounds. Through ultra sound measurements, Deisler found out that her babies weigh about five pounds each.

"As happens a lot of times with twins, labor sometimes begins when the body cannot contain the weight or runs out of room for the babies. I was put on bed rest because the babies, if born too early, could have health difficulties," she said.

She originally went into the hospital for pre-term labor over fall break and has been on bed rest ever since. Arrangements were promptly matde for the remainder of two sections of Speech 111 and the Interpersonal and Organizational Communication courses she had been teaching this semester.

"She had the courses pretty well planned out because she knew she had to leave, though none of us, including her, were aware how much earlier it turned out to be," said Dr. David Barner, chair of the department of Communication Studies, Theatre, and Art.

"Interpersonal Communication and Organizational Communication are being handled by senior speech communications major Erin Halpin, who is serving as the teaching assistant, and Ms. Cynthia Jones has been substituting for Deisler's two introductory Speech courses," he said.

However, Deisler is still very much a part of her Interpersonal Communication and Organizational Communication courses, communicating with her students through email and teleconferencing equipment.

"Mrs. Deisler is missed by all, though the way the course is set up allows us to continue in her absence," said teaching assistant Erin Halpin. "One day we had an in-class discussion that I taped for her to see, and the next class we were all able to communicate with her through the teleconferencing equipment," she said.

As of right now, Deisler remains on bed rest. The doctors are not able to determine when exactly the babies will be born.

"The goal is to try to prolong my pregnancy as long as possible. If the babies are born now, they might need treatment in the intensive care unit which we are trying to avoid at all costs," Deisler said. "I don't mind being on bed rest at all if it means less of chance of complications for the babies. I miss my students, though, and wish I could be on campus until they are born."

As this much-anticipated day approaches for Deisler and her husband, students and faculty are equally as excited for the twin's arrival and anxious for her return to campus.

"I am looking forward to the spring semester. I will return to campus in January," Deisler said.

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Dance Theater tryouts attract skill and dedicated talent

by Megan Deem
Campus Writer

Dance Theatre try-outs were more selective than ever this year, attracting 75 students for a total of 15 dances for their spring production.

Dance Theatre's growing popularity has enabled the club to perform various types of dances, using the talent from several different students. Dance theatre's artistic director/coordinator, Gina Sharbaugh, was pleased with the different talent demonstrated in the try-outs. "Being selective as a student organization is not necessarily a bad thing. We are more concerned with quality, rather than quantity."

Each of the dance team members auditioned for as many dances as they pleased, but were allowed to participate in only three dances.

"Try-outs were a lot of fun, but you did have to learn fast," said sophomore Lori Howard, a first time member of Dance Theatre. "There wasn't a lot of pressure, it was a comfortable environment."

Of the auditions, dancers tried out for tap, jazz and hip-hop, as well as modern music. Each dance is lead by a different choreographer, demonstrating a range of dance personalities.

Choreographer Pat Sandora, a junior, plans to teach a modern piece from The Black Eyed Peas.

"I really enjoy music and dancing, and even though I've never taken a dance class before, it's something that I really love doing."

Dance theatre has been a club at Westminster for the past 25 years. During the past three years, the program has been increasingly popular among students.

"Dance theatre is an organization that is open to all students," said the club's president, Tara Timpano. "There is no audition process to be in the club; however there are auditions to be in the dances that make up the show"

Dancers involved in the club demonstrated many different abilities. "The talent ranges from beginner to extremely advanced," said Howard. Students also have the option to specialize in a certain area of dance such as ballet or tap in addition to modern contemporary dances.

Despite the competition, dance theatre has been a positive experience for all members. "All of us are friendly towards each other, and most of us know each other," Howard said.

"As president, I really expect that the dancers truly take dance theatre very seriously and understand that making a dance is extremely important," said Timpano. "Along with attending all practices and tech classes, I hope they all still have some fun while doing it."

This year's spring production has high expectations from the dance team. Of the 15 dances performed this year, each promises to have a different style and technique.

"I like variety," said coordinator Sharbaugh. "This year has an excellent balance of different genres of dance."

"I think this year's show is going to be great," choreographer Sandora agreed, "We had tougher choreographer auditions, so this year's dances are a lot tighter."

Dance theatre meets for general practices every Thursday from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Specialty classes are held Wednesday nights from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The exact date of their spring production has not been determined but usually takes place in the last month of classes.

In addition to learning new dances and making new friends, dance theatre hopes to portray dance as an art form, and eventually make dance theatre a credited class.

"As our mission statement says, it's our job to educate our audience about dance as an art form, and in order to show an art form, it has to include all selections of dance," Sharbaugh said.

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Permits to Register

Students should double-check their mailboxes this week for their permits that let them register for spring classes. The permit-to-register slips tell students what day and time they will register next week. Registration takes place Monday through Thursday next week.

Local Election Results

Election results show voters preferred Republicans in New Wilmington—Republican candidates were the top vote getters for boro council— the winners include Beth Brooks, Larry Wagner and John Altman. The lone Democrat—Westminster political science professor Gary Lilly lost by coming in last. The council had three open seats. Beth Brooks—the top vote getter is a staff member in Student Affairs.

Lawrence County's politics will see some new faces in charge at the courthouse—but Republicans will rule. Voters elected Republican Dan Vogler and Democrat Steven Craig to the County commission. Incumbent Republican Commissioner Ed Fosnaught held on to his seat by coming in third.

In the race for mayor in New Castle, Republican Wayne Alexander won that race.

And finally in the race for the Mercer County commission, the Democrats won control—but it was a tight race. The third and fourth place candidates were separated by less than 400 votes for the third commissioner's seat.

Candidate Dropped from Mock Convention

Organizers of Westminster's Mock Convention say they've dropped Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman from their list of candidates. Convention officials say Lieberman was dropped because of a lack of interest. However, Lieberman remains in the real race for the Democratic nomination for President. The Westminster Mock Convention held during the first week of February is one of the oldest in the country.

State Rep Talks Politics

State Representative Jeff Coleman will visit campus this week to talk politics—from gambling issues in Pennsylvania, property taxes to education funding. Coleman will speak on Thursday evening , November 6th at 7 in the McKelvey Student Lounge. Coleman's visit is sponsored by the College Republicans.

Student Athletes Injured in Accident

Westminster football tailback Sean Vincent Buggey and baseball player Justin Joseph along with two other people were injured in an SUV accident over the weekend in Wilmington Township. According to State Police, Joseph was driving his SUV north on Mercer Road early Sunday morning when he lost control and crashed into a utility pole. The report indicates Joseph had seven passengers inside the vehicle. Police say Joseph, Buggey and two others were injured and taken to a local hospital. However, hospital officials are not releasing any details about their injuries or conditions.

Meanwhile, police are continuing their investigation. The police report indicates Joseph and several of his passengers will face charges in connection with underage drinking.

Horse Manure Vandals Strike

Campus security officials say they're investigating a case of vandalism at Russell Hall that involved horse manure and road kill. It happened early Tuesday morning. Reports indicate that someone smeared horse droppings on a car in the Russell Hall parking lot. Vandals also placed road kill under the windshield wipers. Residents in Russell's religious hall came to the car owner's rescue by helping clean up the mess.

Longer Spring Breaks

Westminster students and faculty will enjoy longer spring breaks—The upcoming spring semester features a 10-day spring break that runs from March 13 through March 23. And this week the faculty adopted a 2005-2006 calendar that will repeat that 10-day spring break. Campus officials say the extended break keeps the college calendar on track for the spring commencement schedule.

Last Day To Withdraw

The Registrar's Office reminds students that Friday, November 7th is the deadline to withdraw from a class. To get out of the class and get out of a grade you don't want, you need to fill out the required paper work and get all those signatures by the end of Friday. To withdraw from a class will also mean you pay a $15 fee.

All Campus Meeting

College President Tom Williamson will hold an hour-long, all-campus meeting next Tuesday, November 11th in Phillips Lecture Hall at 12:45 P.M. The president will update students, faculty and staff on the recent Trustee's Board Meeting as well as discuss future plans for the campus. He'll also take questions from the audience.

Wiring Blamed in Fatal Fire

State Police say faulty wiring caused a deadly house fire in Wilmington Township on Halloween. 35-year old Heath Edward Fry died Friday morning when a fire broke out in his two-story home along State Route 158 near the intersection of Route 18.

Sodexho Reconsiders Meal Plans

Sodexho will look into doing away with block plans for meals on campus. That's the word from members of S-G-A's Food Advisory Committee. Many students have criticized the block plans.

SGA officials say Sodexho will now reconsider the block meal program for one that would allow students to have money on their Titan Cards to purchase food in the cafeteria or in the Campus Center.

In Student Government news:

Sophomore Nicole Udanis will take over the Academics Committee Chair position. Udanis was appointed to the job after previous chair Ian Brown had to step down due to scheduling conflicts.

And S-G-A allocated two thousand dollars to the Fitness Center to purchase new sets of dumbbells.

The next S-G-A Senate meeting is Wednesday, November 5th at 7 PM. As always, the campus community is invited to attend.

Your Student Government Association

by Erin Halpin
Contributing Writer

Are you satisfied with your SGA this year? Your chance to speak your mind is coming up. We will be e-mailing Student Satisfaction Surveys to you soon.

We want to know what you like and/or dislike about us and if you have any ideas. Remember...we are here for YOU. We need your feedback in order to make things better on campus.

A memorial plaque for Dr. Sharkey is in the works. We plan to have the plaque placed in the history section of the library, honoring him for his years of dedication to the students. The plaque is still being made, so we will let you know when it is finished.

The club room in the student lounge will soon have a new name.

The choices we have come up with are: "The Club Room" (not much of a change from its current name), "The Max" (like the place in Saved by the Bell), and "The Up Over" (playing off of The Down Under).

College Bowl will be held Saturday, November 22nd. Sign ups will begin next Thursday, November 13th. Start putting your teams together!! There will be a large amount of money for the winners!

Congratulations to Richard Humphrey! He was elected our new sophomore senator. He has replaced Nicole Udanis, who is now our Academic Chair.

Congratulations to Drew Huston! He was chosen as Senator of the Month. He has done SO much work for SGA and we really appreciate all that he has done.

Finally, in case you didn't know, Beth Brooks from Student Affairs was elected to the New Wilmington Borough Council. Congratulations, Beth!

That is all for this week. Things are starting to wind down as we near the end of the semester.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 12th, at 7:00pm in the McKelvey Theater. You are more than welcome to attend. If you cannot attend, you can send any questions or comments to sga@westminster.edu. Have a great weekend!

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AROUND THE GLOBE

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Military wives, mothers send oversea care packages

WILMINGTON, Ohio (AP) Sandy Boyette stitches together colorful, floral-print Christmas stockings, a jumbled pile slowly growing on her dining room table.

Red and blue stars will be added and the 160 stockings filled with sunglasses, compact discs, shampoo and candy before they're shipped to her 24-year-old son's Army reserve unit in Iraq.

Crossword puzzles, news about the Boston Red Sox in the baseball playoffs, lemonade mix, disposable cameras and other treats are being gathered around the country for soldier care packages that relatives and friends say are especially critical this holiday season.

"Right now, morale is down over there," Boyette said over the clickety-click of her sewing machine. "A lot of them have had bad news that they're going to have to stay longer."

With two sons in the military, Sheryl Sheaffer of suburban Seattle is shipping the scent of home.

"We're collecting cedar boughs so when the guys open them up over there they will get the cedar smell that is very Pacific Northwest," she said. "It is one of those things that will trigger memories."

She hopes to prepare about 1,000 packages for overseas that also will include more conventional fare, such as major league baseball caps she said were left on her doorstep. Her two sons serve in Texas and Afghanistan.

Military wives, mothers and organizations are working toward a Nov. 13 mailing deadline the Postal Service recommends to ensure parcel-post packages reach Iraq before Dec. 25.

"We've got to let these guys know that we realize and remember and know they're still over there," said Sheaffer, who founded Operation Support Our Troops in January. "They're tired, they worked very hard, and then to be told they have to stay even longer ..."

In September, the Pentagon announced that 20,000 reservists may be kept in Iraq for up to a year. Lt. Commander Dan Hetlage, a Pentagon spokesman, said some reservists had expected their year's deployment to include the several months they spent training before going to Iraq. They later learned they would have to spend a full year in Iraq.

"For the most part, everybody here is not too happy at being away from their families, especially during the holiday season," said Army Sgt. Danny Martin, a spokesman for coalition forces in Baghdad. "That's a given."

He said the military has tried to improve morale by granting two-week leaves, setting up more satellite TVs and telephone banks and increasing access to the Internet.

Chris Swatzina, of St. Paul, Minn., has been in Iraq since April. His Dayton-based Army Reserve 705th Transportation Co. hauls fuel.

"We don't want to be forgotten," he said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "Who knows when we are going home? Anything we get from home reminds us of what we have back there. It keeps us going just one more day."

Carolyn Blashek, 48, was inspired to start Operation Gratitude early this year. A soldier who was returning to Korea after attending his mother's funeral told her he had no other relatives and feared he would be killed and it wouldn't matter to anyone.

Blashek has shipped 650 packages since March. The California National Guard's 746th quartermaster unit is storing the items donated for the 2,500 holiday packages she plans to send.

"If I can just touch one person and lift their spirits and lift their morale, I feel like that's the service I can provide," said Blashek, of Encino, Calif.

"I cry every time I get a letter back. I'm moved by the fact that they're so appreciative when I'm the one that's appreciative."

Rhode Island soldiers who are stationed overseas will get customized holiday packages that will be assembled at Schofield Armory in Cranston, R.I., as part of the state's Operation Holiday Cheer.

The packages will include copies of The Providence Journal newspaper's coverage of the American League baseball playoffs, which Boston lost to the New York Yankees, and coffee syrup to flavor milk, a favorite drink among locals.

"They want some of the few comforts of home we can actually send," said Maj. Lisa Meriwether, family program officer for the Rhode Island National Guard.

In Wilmington, the spool of white thread on Boyette's sewing machine is spinning like a top as she churns out stockings.

Across the table sits Carri LeForge, whose husband, Travis, serves with Boyette's son, George. She is cutting out the stars as her 1-year-old son, Trevor, scrambles around the table trying to help.

LeForge said she doesn't know when her husband will come home.

"That's the hardest part," she said.

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Federal agent shot on waterfront pier

PHILADELPHIA (AP) A federal Drug Enforcement Administration agent was shot on a pier near a waterfront entertainment center Tuesday afternoon, and police said a suspect apparently killed himself after fleeing beneath the pier.

"They had him trapped under (the pier) and it appears ... he shot himself," Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson said.

The DEA agent, William Hocker, 51, was reported in stable condition at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital with shoulder and face wounds, said Normadene Murphy, a DEA spokeswoman.

More than a dozen DEA, FBI and Philadelphia police vehicles converged on the pier area near Dave & Buster's on Delaware Avenue after the shooting.

Hocker was a group supervisor in a drug investigation under way in the area, Murphy said.

"They were going to buy some drugs from him," Johnson said. "The person pulled a gun out and shot the DEA agent."

Traffic case mistrial

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) A juror whose curiosity caused a mistrial in a traffic case avoided jail time but received a stern 15-minute lecture from a judge who found her in contempt of court.

Franklin County Municipal Judge Teresa Liston accepted an apology and repayment of $1,198 in court costs from Fasanthia Wilkerson, 48, of Columbus.

Wilkerson was accused of disobeying the judge's order not to conduct outside investigations by driving past the site of a traffic stop before deliberations.

"I just want to make it perfectly clear that you are not the victim in this case," Liston told Wilkerson. "Whether you did it intentionally or negligently, you did it."

Wilkerson had said she wanted to see if a club mentioned in testimony was one she used to go to in her youth, so she drove down that street on her way from and to the courthouse.

She mentioned the detour to fellow jurors, and the jury foreman sent a note to Liston, who declared a mistrial.

"Nobody in the history of my entire legal career has violated this instruction," said Liston, a judge for 14 years.

Christopher Hurd, acting as his own attorney in the traffic case, "left this courtroom disappointed, with no confidence in the jury system," Liston said. He has since pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of reckless operation.

Prison staff shortage

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) The state said it must hire about 200 prison guards to address a serious staff shortage at prisons statewide, despite a hiring freeze imposed during a contract dispute over closing a prison in Lima.

The Department of Rehabilitation and Correction will use savings from the ongoing freeze and limits on overtime to pay for the hires, spokeswoman JoEllen Culp said Tuesday.

The department stopped hiring guards after a state employees' union went to court to halt the planned closing of Lima Correctional Institution in northwest Ohio. Gov. Bob Taft and the department said the closure would save about $25 million yearly, and that keeping it open cost $6.6 million through the first quarter of the budget year that started in July.

The department's announcement of the planned closure in March automatically imposed a hiring freeze in northern Ohio prisons because of contract and legal obligations protecting the layoff rights of employees in Lima. Meanwhile, normal staff departures have affected southern Ohio prisons not affected by the freeze.

The department said it can no longer delay filling vacancies while the courts decide whether to allow the Lima closing.

Messages seeking comment were left Tuesday with the Civil Service Employees Association, the union representing correction officers.

College student found dead

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP) A student who was found dead in his residence hall died from a methadone overdose, the coroner's office said Tuesday.

A roommate found James R. Gross, 22, of Pittsburgh, unresponsive on Oct. 21 inside the New Residence Hall at Washington and Jefferson College, about 20 miles southwest of Pittsburgh.

At the time, authorities suspected Gross died from a drug overdose and had been waiting for test results. His death was ruled accidental.

Man kills friend in drunk driving accident

BLOOMSBURG, Pa. (AP) A Columbia County man pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide in a drunken driving crash that killed his friend.

Justin Lockard, 20, of Benton, faces between 111/2 months and 23 months in prison as part of a plea deal, which Judge Thomas A. James Jr. did not immediately accept during Monday's hearing.

On Feb. 7, Lockard and passenger Frank D.J. McHenry, 20, were returning from a party when Lockard's truck smashed into a utility pole.

The victim's father does not want Lockard to spend a long time in prison because McHenry could easily have wound up driving and the roles of the two friends "could have been reversed," District Attorney John McDanel said.

McHenry's father was not at the hearing, and James said he wanted to hear from him while considering the plea bargain and sentencing.

Blood tests showed Lockard had a blood-alcohol level of 0.10 - five times the legal limit of .02 for drivers under 21 - and his car was going between 56 and 75 mph in a 45 mph zone, police said.

NATIONAL

Veteran soldier honored by those he liberated

WASHINGTON (AP) As a 20-year-old soldier during World War II, Vernon Tott saw someone waving to him and thought he and his captain had stumbled upon American POWs. But what he saw on that April day in 1945 was a place he can only describe years later as "hell on Earth" - a German slave labor camp.

Tott, 78, was honored Saturday by some of the survivors he helped free from the Ahlem labor camp near Hanover, Germany, nearly six decades ago.

The ceremony at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum was a surprise for Tott. When he entered the museum, he was immediately embraced with hugs, kisses, and pats on the back by the men he liberated.

"We owe him a lot," said Holocaust survivor Abraham Stern of Sumter, South Carolina.

Stern and three other survivors who were on hand for the tribute - Moniek Milberger, Ben Sieradzki and Sol Bekermus - watched with smiles and tears as the museum unveiled Tott's name etched in granite on a wall in the building's donor lounge.

The inscription reads: "In honor of Vernon W. Tott, my liberator & hero."

Tott was clearly moved. His wife, Betty, said it was the first time she had ever seen him cry.

"I really feel honored and proud that people have done this for me," said Tott, who lives in Sioux City, Iowa. Glancing over at Sieradzki, Tott said, "You know, they call me their angel."

The survivors remember Tott from that day of liberation because he was snapping photos of the camp. He wanted to show the folks back home the ghastly images unfolding before his eyes as he and other soldiers from the 84th Infantry Division witnessed firsthand the horrors of Nazi barbarism.

"It's something we didn't realize was going on in the world," said Tott. "When we came across this, it was a total shock to us."

Years after the war was over, Milberger, who is 73 and lives in West Bloomfield, Michigan, received some of the photos Tott had captured. He choked back tears as he talked about how much it meant to have a picture of him on his liberation day.

"I just couldn't believe that something like this could happen," said Milberger. "That 50 years later, you had somebody who was devoted enough, who is not Jewish and cares so much for Jewish people."

Tott has tracked down other survivors, too, and sent them the black-and-white pictures that he had kept in a shoebox in his basement.

Tott's inscription on the wall of the museum was a gift from another survivor he helped liberate, Jack Tramiel, who wasn't able to attend the ceremony.

The tribute was part of a weekend survivors' reunion that the Holocaust museum organized as part of its 10th anniversary celebration. Close to 7,000 people are expected to attend the reunion, including about 2,000 survivors.

Bush admin. questioned about arrested immigrants

WASHINGTON (AP) The Supreme Court asked the Bush administration Tuesday to explain the secrecy surrounding the detention of one of the immigrants arrested after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The administration has refused to release the names and other details of hundreds of foreigners rounded up in the aftermath of the attacks, arguing that a blanket secrecy policy is needed to protect national security.

One of those immigrants, known only as M.K.B., challenged his detention. But even that has been shrouded in secrecy.

His appeal has reached the Supreme Court, only there is little written evidence that his case exists. Lower courts sealed all the legal filings, as well as the records of how his case was handled. The proceedings were held in secret.

That's unconstitutional, Miami public defender Paul Rashkind argued in the case from Florida.

The Supreme Court should intervene, Rashkind wrote in an appeal, "to preserve and protect the public's common-law and First Amendment rights to know, but also to reinforce those rights in a time of increased national suspicion about the free flow of information and debate."

The Bush administration told justices last month that they did not plan to file a response to the appeal. In a brief notice released Tuesday, the court said it has told the administration to give its side anyway. There is no specific deadline for the reply.

Because of a glitch at the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, the M.K.B. records were briefly made public. A Miami legal newspaper, the Daily Business Review, reported that M.K.B. is 34-year-old Mohamed Kamel Bellahouel, an Algerian waiter who the FBI believes likely served meals to Sept. 11 hijackers Mohamed Atta and Marwan al Shehhi in the weeks before the attacks.

The newspaper reported that he was released after five months, and after he had been taken to Virginia to testify before a federal grand jury.

National Briefs

Young Public servants honored

BOSTON (AP) New annual awards named after President John F. Kennedy will honor young outstanding American public servants, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and Harvard University's Institute of Politics said Tuesday.

Each fall beginning next year, the John F. Kennedy New Frontier awards will be presented to one elected and one non-elected public official under the age of 40 whose professional achievements demonstrate the impact and value of public service.

"President Kennedy inspired generations of young people to public service. This award will continue that inspiration by recognizing young political leaders of the future," John Shattuck, CEO of the Kennedy Library Foundation, said in a statement.

A bipartisan committee of political and community officials will select the recipients.

Skydiver killed

THOMASTON, Ga. (AP) A skydiver from Louisiana was killed and his girlfriend seriously injured when they collided in midair and their parachutes collapsed about 100 feet from the ground.

Jason Marler, 30, of Denham Springs, La., died Saturday after he collided with his girlfriend and both of their parachutes deflated during a jump at the annual Free Fall Festival in Thomaston, said Upson County Coroner Tim Cochran.

Marler was pronounced dead at Upson County Medical Center, Cochran said. The woman, whose name was not released, was listed in stable condition at The Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon.

"Their canopies collapsed and they fell for the last 50 to 100 feet," Cochran told The Macon Telegraph for a Tuesday story.

"Generous" donation made to tornado victims

FRANKLIN, Kansas (AP) Paul Newman has made a "generous" donation to the southeast Kansas town of Franklin, which a tornado ravaged in May.

"We decided that it would be best not to give the exact figure, but it was a lovely, generous amount," resident Phyllis Bitner said recently. "We haven't earmarked the money yet for a specific project, but it will go a long way toward something."

The 78-year-old actor sent a personal check to the Franklin Community Council Inc., along with his wishes for continued success.

A tornado hit Franklin, a town of about 500 residents, on May 4, destroying about a third of the homes and leveling the community center and post office. Residents have vowed to rebuild.

Newman won a best-actor Oscar in 1987 for "The Color of Money." His other films include "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "The Hustler," "Hud," "Cool Hand Luke" and "Road to Perdition."

Helicopter shot down

WASHINGTON (AP) Fifteen U.S. soldiers were killed in Sunday's Chinook helicopter shoot-down in Iraq, not 16 as widely reported, the Defense Department said Tuesday.

Lt. Col. Gary Keck, a Pentagon spokesman, said 14 were dead at the scene and one died later of wounds. He could not say exactly when or where the 15th soldier died. As of Tuesday, 10 names had been released by the Pentagon; others were awaiting official notification of families.

U.S. Central Command, which is reponsible for military operations in Iraq, issued a statement Sunday from Baghdad that said 15 soldiers had been killed in the attack. Later, Pentagon officials said one of the 21 wounded had died, raising the death toll to 16.

Keck said the cause of the confusion was not clear. He said one of the 15 dead is still unidentified.

It was the deadliest single attack on U.S. forces since the war began in March.

King finishes dark epic

BANGOR, Maine (AP) Stephen King had some good news for fans, so he delivered it in person. Sort of.

An animated "virtual" version of the horror writer appeared Monday on his Web site to announce that he'd completed the final three installments of "The Dark Tower" series, which fans have long awaited.

"People have been asking one question above all others over the past nine years: When are you going to finish 'The Dark Tower'? Well, guess what - it's done. So do me a favor and spread the word," he said.

"The Gunslinger," the first "Dark Tower" book, was published in 1982, followed by "The Drawing of the Three" in 1987, "The Waste Lands" in 1991 and "Wizard and Glass" in 1997.

"Wolves of the Calla" was to go on sale Tuesday, followed by "Song of Susannah" next summer. The final installment, "The Dark Tower," will be released next November.

King said the books, published by Donald M. Grant Publisher Inc., will cost about $35 each in hard cover.

"It's steep but worth every penny," he said.

Handcuffed man kills himself

RISING SUN, Md. (AP) A man killed himself with a shotgun taken from a police cruiser he drove away in despite being handcuffed, state police said Tuesday.

Mark Haas, 24, was arrested along with another man about 7 p.m. Monday night in Port Deposit. He was handcuffed and placed in the back seat of the Port Deposit municipal police vehicle but was able to drive away when the town's police chief stepped away from the cruiser momentarily. The pair had been arrested for resisting arrest after a handgun was found in their vehicle, state police said.

Haas' girlfriend called police about 11 p.m. and said Haas was outside a Rising Sun home, threatening suicide. Port Deposit Police Chief Mark Tomlin went to the home and tried in vain to persuade Haas to surrender. The other man in the cruiser, Lee Nichols, 21, of Conowingo, remained in the cruiser and was not injured, state police said.

State police said they are investigating the death.

INTERNATIONAL

Man beaten to death for "illegal religion"

SHANGHAI, China (AP) A worshipper in China's unofficial Christian church has died from beatings in custody after being detained by police for "illegally carrying out religious activities," a human rights organization asserted Tuesday.

Zhang Hongmei was detained by police in the city of Pingdu in Shandong province on Oct. 30, the Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy reported. Zhang's family members rejected police demands that they pay a 3,000 yuan (US$365) fine for her release and were later told she died around noon on Thursday, the Hong Kong-based center said.

It wasn't clear why Zhang was targeted. A Pingdu government spokesman, reached by telephone, said he was unaware of the incident. A man who answered the phone at a number listed for Pingdu's Jiudian police station said it was a wrong number and hung up.

News of Zhang's death came hours after a separate report from another human rights group that said a church activist and historian was sentenced to two years in a labor camp on subversion charges related to writings in his diary.

Together, the reports point to sustained government repression of unofficial worship in China, where only state-sponsored religion is permitted.

The center said Zhang, 33, was a decade-long member of the unofficial church, which worships separately from China's tightly government-controlled official Protestant church movement. Members of the unofficial church are subject to frequent harassment and arrest by authorities.

While the official Protestant church claims 10 million followers, up to five times that number are believed to worship in unofficial Protestant congregations, often called "house churches" because they often meet in private homes to evade authorities.

On the evening of Zhang's arrest, her husband, Xu Haifeng and her brother, Zhang Hongyun, found her in the police station tied to a bench, unable to speak and with bruises on her legs, face and hands, the center said.

Officers refused their pleas to release her and shouted insults at them, it said.

Zhang's death prompted a protest march Friday by relatives and neighbors to Pingdu's city hall, where they were halted by riot police, the center said. The crowd dispersed after officials promised to investigate the incident, it said.

Zhang's body was sent to a local hospital for an autopsy, the center said. Records showed severe bruising and internal bleeding, it said.

In the second case, Zhang Yinan, arrested more than a month ago while attending a friend's wedding, was driven away from the Lushan County Detention Center in the central province of Henan on Monday, according to Bob Fu, president of the China Aid Association, based in the U.S. state of Pennsylvania.

Zhang is one of the most common Chinese surnames, and Zhang Yinan and Zhang Hongmei were not related.

In sentencing Zhang, police cited passages in his prayer journal that expressed hopes for the destruction of Chinese government bodies, Fu said. Police said such passages constituted "anti-Party, anti-socialist" writings, Fu said.

Chinese law permits police to sentence people to up to three years in labor camps without trials. While many sentences are passed for minor crimes such as drug taking, prostitution or petty theft, the labor camp system is also frequently used to deal with critics of the communist regime or others accused of political crimes.

Fu said Zhang has 60 days to appeal his sentence.

Police in Lushan county declined to respond to questions about Zhang or said they had no information about the case.

Another Christian activist arrested with Zhang on Sept. 26 was released on Thursday and returned to his home in Beijing. Xiao Biguang, 44, had helped coordinate the legal defense for Gong Shengliang, the imprisoned leader of the unofficial South China Church, and contacted foreign reporters about Gong's case.

Several other activists in the unofficial church have reportedly been detained over recent weeks.

Russian oil giant arrested for tax fraud

MOSCOW (AP) Russia's richest man, who was arrested last month on fraud and tax evasion charges, resigned Monday as head of the Russian oil giant Yukos, saying he wants to protect the company from any further damage.

"I am leaving the company," Mikhail Khodorkovsky said in a statement on Yukos' Web site, citing only "the situation that has developed."

"As a manager, I have to do all I can to pull our workforce safely out from under the blows that are being directed at me and my partners," he said.

The tycoon's jailing on Oct. 25 amid a 4-month-old investigation of Yukos caused the company's shares to drop, leading the Russian stock market into a plunge and raising concerns about the country's economic recovery.

The price of Yukos shares rose sharply immediately after the news of Khodorkovsky's resignation, shooting up by 3.9 percent on Russia's benchmark RTS index, Interfax reported.

Russian Finance Minister Alexei Kudrin, in an interview published Monday, said the move by prosecutors to freeze shares in the embattled oil company was part of efforts to restore law and order. He predicted the probe will benefit the economy in the long run.

"One individual court case cannot revoke all the positive changes in the economy and society, everything that has already been done and is planned for development of the market in our country," Kudrin, who is also a deputy prime minister, told the daily Kommersant.

Russia's economy had grown for the past four years, and its stock market was thriving before it suffered a series of shocks during the Yukos investigation and plunged 15 percent last week after the arrest of Khodorkovsky and the subsequent share freeze.

Analysts worried the actions could endanger Russia's recovery from its 1998 financial crisis, and the decision by a court acting at the request of prosecutors to freeze 44 percent of Yukos shares drew sharp criticism at home and abroad, with the State Department saying it raised "serious questions about the rule of law in Russia."

Kudrin predicted the market will recover once the Yukos affair is over.

"Speculators on the market, of course, will have their fun for a while, but after the final court decision it will fully recover and begin to grow," Kommersant quoted him as saying.

He also defended the share freeze, saying the court, "was motivated not by economic expediency but by the law."

"The judicial branch is doing its business in terms of the restoration of law," Kudrin told Kommersant.

Other top Russian officials, including Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov and President Vladimir Putin's new chief of staff, Dmitry Medvedev, have expressed concern that the share freeze could hurt the economy.

Putin picked Medvedev last week to succeed Alexander Voloshin, the Kremlin chief of staff since his appointment by Putin's predecessor, Boris Yeltsin, in 1999. Voloshin was seen as the top advocate of Khodorkovsky and other tycoons who won quick fortunes in controversial 1990s privatization deals.

Kudrin said Volshin's resignation "coincided with the end of the Yeltsin epoch." He added, "I know that for the economy of Russia it will be better."

He said the arrest of Khodorkovsky - who is charged with fraud, forgery and tax evasion - and Voloshin's departure mark a shift toward the rule of law and "honest competition" in business.

Critics say Khodorkovsky was targeted by Putin's fellow ex-KGB officers in the Kremlin to curb his growing financial and political clout and to retaliate for his funding of opposition parties.

Human rights advocates say the authorities are using the courts as a political instrument, while the attack on Yukos has raised fears among business leaders that the Kremlin could launch a broad revision of privatization - though Putin has denied such plans.

"I've heard personally from (Putin) and clearly understand myself that this is not a redistribution of property and not a campaign against oligarchs," Kudrin said.

In a dig at the Kremlin, Khodorkovsky said in his statement he planned to continue his work for the Open Russia Foundation, a charitable organization he created in 2001 and whose aims he said include "building in Russia an open and truly democratic country."

International Briefs

Ballerina lawsuit postponed

MOSCOW (AP) A Moscow court on Tuesday postponed a preliminary hearing into a lawsuit filed by fired ballerina Anastasia Volochkova against the Bolshoi Theater after the theater's lawyers failed to show up in court, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

The court delayed the hearings until Nov. 17, the ballerina's lawyer, Lev Zubovsky was quoted as telling ITAR-Tass.

Volochkova was fired in September over a contract dispute that came amid allegations that she was too heavy for male dancers to lift. She filed a lawsuit seeking back pay and other damages and an open-ended contract with the renowned theater.

Russia's Labor Ministry said that the dancer's firing violated Russian labor laws and called on the Bolshoi to reinstate her. But the ministry acknowledged that the final decision rested with the theater, and the Bolshoi has refused to budge.

Theater officials have said that Volochkova's weight made it difficult to find roles for the star ballerina.

Volochkova, who weighs about 50 kilograms (110 pounds) and is 168 centimeters (5 feet 6 inches) tall, has taken advantage of the publicity. Her face and the slogan "Poor Nastya" adorn posters around the Russian capital, advertising a television special about her and promoting her upcoming shows. Nastya is the shortname for Anastasia.

Boy dies in school fight

LONDON (AP) A 14-year-old boy died Tuesday after a fight at a school in northeastern England on Tuesday, and another student was arrested, police said.

The boy taken into custody at Birkbeck School in the town of North Somercotes after reports of a fight in a school building is 15 years old, police said. A knife was recovered from the scene, which was sealed off for forensic examination.

The victim, identified as Luke Warmsley, was pronounced dead at a local hospital.

Police said they are treating the death as suspicious, but refused to speculate on what caused it until after a post-mortem.

Birkbeck School was closed after the attack and its 276 pupils sent home.

A spokesman for Lincolnshire County Council said the incident was "totally out of character" for the area and added that staff and parents were in a state of "total shock."

Fatal violence at schools in Britain is unusual, and there have only been three such deaths over the last three years.

Egyptian students protest

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) More than 3,000 university students on Tuesday held Egypt's largest protest since the end of major fighting in Iraq, denouncing the U.S. occupation of Iraq and Israeli policies toward the Palestinians.

The protesters at Kafr el-Sheik University in northern Egypt chanted anti-American and anti-Israeli slogans while waving Palestinian flags and burning Israeli flags.

Security forces were stationed outside the campus and did not interfere.

Since the end of the U.S.-led war on Iraq, a few smaller demonstrations have taken place in Egyptian universities.

As long as protesters stay inside campus, police do not usually interfere. But if students attempt to move outside, police often break up the demonstration. Protests held off-campus require permission and are tightly controlled with a high police presence.

SPORTS

Fall athletics tie up loose ends to make room for winter sports

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

As the fall sports season draws to a close, several Titan squads have positioned themselves for respectable President's Athletic Conference positions.

The women's volleyball team, men's football team, and both soccer teams carry above average in conference records into the end of the season.

The women's volleyball team concluded PAC action this past weekend, when they traveled to Waynesburg to compete in the Lady Titan volleyball championships.

En route to a second place finish, the Lady Titans defeated Bethany and Washington & Jefferson before falling to Waynesburg in the title match.

The men's football team travels to Thomas More (Ky.) this weekend. However, their next PAC test against Waynesburg on November 15th will decide the champion of the PAC.

With a win, the Titans would pull into a three-way tie with Waynesburg and W&J at 4-1 in the PAC. As a result, the three teams would share the conference crown.

With a loss, the Titans would fall to third place in the PAC, while Waynesburg would be crowned the champion behind W&J.

Both soccer squads have positioned themselves nicely entering the upcoming PAC tournament.

The Lady Titans stand at 14-6 overall and 8-2 in the PAC. They enter the PAC tournament this week as the number two seed. As a result, the Lady Titans will host a first round match on Wednesday, November 5th.

"The PAC playoffs give us an opportunity to repeat as champs," junior Katie Fisher said. "And, that's been one of our goals all season long."

On the other hand, the men's soccer squad sits at 8-9-2 overall and 6-2-2 in the PAC. The Titans will enter the PAC tournament as either a number two or number three seed. As a result, they will either host a first round game or receive a first round bye.

As the winter season-basketball and swimming-begins, the fall season winds down. However, many of the fall Titan sports teams performed admirably throughout the fall.

Have hope Steelers fans, the rest of the schedule looks clear

By Steven Brink
Sports Writer

Last weekend the Steelers dropped their fifth game in a row; their second longest losing streak since the 1999 campaign. Pittsburgh fell to 2-6 on the year but more importantly, dropped another game in the AFC North standings. The Steelers are now three games behind the first-place Baltimore Ravens and searching for answers.

So far, this season has been an obvious disappointment for Pittsburgh and its fans. However, eight games remain on a schedule the suddenly looks a little favorable. The Arizona Cardinals come to town this weekend and hopefully Pittsburgh can begin to turn around their dismal home record (1-3 at Heinz Field this year).

The biggest problem the Steelers will face in the next few weeks, is the idea of not trying to do too much at once. Pittsburgh is only playing one team this week, not eight. So technically, they can only change the number in their win column from a two to a three. Star receiver Hines Ward summed it up perfectly earlier this week when he said, "everyone's asking us in we can pull off eight in a row. I say, let's just win one!"

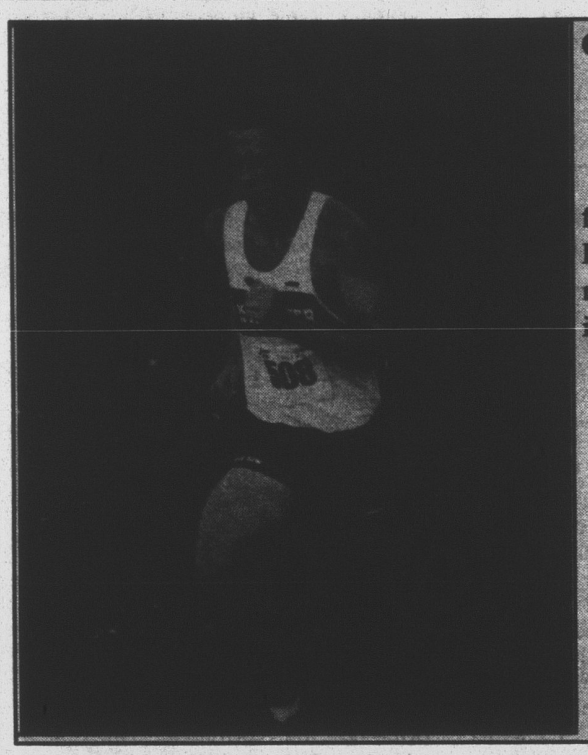
And that's really all the Steelers can do at this point. Winning this weekend is going to decide the fate of their season. A win will at least give them hope, but a loss will practically guarantee them an early vacation.

If you look at the schedule for the Steelers, you won't see a remaining opponent with a winning record until Week 17 when the Steelers travel to Baltimore, which is certainly good news. Pittsburgh will likely be favored in all of their remaining games, with the possible exception of the Baltimore game. The only remaining Steelers opponents that have more than three wins this year are the Ravens and the 49ers. Baltimore on the other hand has two very difficult road games in the next two weeks. They have the pleasure of traveling to St. Louis this weekend, and Miami the next. Both of those games are lose-able and a mid-season slump by the Ravens could give teams like Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and even Cincinnati hope for a late-season playoff push.

The Steelers could easily (well, maybe not easily) go 8-0 during the second half of the season. Bill Cowher has already made changes in the secondary for this weekend's game. Cornerback Dewayne Washington will not start Sunday. Cowher hopes that the change will jump-start the Steelers atrocious secondary, and give a spark to the entire defense.

Eight weeks remain, and Pittsburgh fans will be frantically pacing around their living rooms', anxiously awaiting next weekend's game to see the next bone-head penalty or running back controversy that comes about.

But cheer up city of Pittsburgh, because it really can't get much worse.



Cross Country

Junior Brad Zerbe finished 12th in the PAC Championship race. Westminster finished second over all.

photo by Willis Bretz

Swimming

Lee Knight dives into action during Westminster's Relay Carnival.

photo by Willis Bretz

Sports shorts

Women's Soccer

The Westminster College women's soccer team improved to 15-6 on the season on Wednesday in New Wilmington, as the Lady Titans posted a come-from-behind 2-1 win over Washington & Jefferson College in a semifinal game of the 2003 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championship Tournament.

Westminster, seeded #2 in the six-team tournament, advanced to the PAC Championship Game for the second consecutive year with the win. The Lady Titans will play at top-seeded Grove City College (16-3-1) on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 1 p.m. in a rematch of the 2002 PAC Championship (won by Westminster 2-0 in New Wilmington). Washington & Jefferson, the #3 seed in the tournament, saw its season end at 10-9 overall.

W&J appeared poised for the upset as the Presidents dented the back of the net at the 12:09 mark on a goal by sophomore forward Toni Lynn Simonini. The score remained 1-0 through halftime until midway through the second half, when Westminster scored twice in a span of 8:34 to take control. Freshman forward Sarah Calderone (Bethesda, MD/Walter Johnson H.S.) knotted the game at 1-1 at the 69:16 mark off an assist by junior forward Angie DePascale (Warren, OH/Howland H.S.). Westminster then scored the game winner at the 77:52 mark, as senior midfielder Alyssa Pyle (Sewickley, PA/Quaker Valley H.S.) scored off an assist by freshman midfielder Courtney Thompson (Indiana/Indiana H.S.).

Westminster outshot W&J 11-6 in the contest and held a 6-4 advantage in corner kicks. Junior Nicole Drummond (Pittsburgh/Keystone Oaks H.S.) went the distance in goal for Westminster, making five saves in the win.

Football

Three members of the Westminster College football team have been honored as "Titans of the Week" for their play in the team's 35-33 victory over non-conference opponent Frostburg State University at Harold Burry Stadium on Saturday.

Senior offensive guard Aaron Detwiler (Poland, OH/Poland Seminary H.S.) was named Offensive Titan of the Week for the Frostburg State game. Detwiler keyed the Titan offensive line which cleared the way for 230 rushing yards and allowed no quarterback sacks against the Bobcats.

Junior outside linebacker Ryan Aleski (McKees Rocks/Montour H.S.) was tabbed as Defensive Titan of the Week against the Bobcats. Aleski posted a team-high 11 tackles (seven solo, four assisted), including one tackle for a loss, while adding one pass breakup, one blocked punt and one interception in the victory.

Earning Special Teams Titan of the Week laurels for the second consecuitve week was junior outside linebacker Jerry Bonenberger (Pittsburgh/Mount Lebanon H.S.). Bonenberger posted 10 tackles overall (four solo, six assisted) during the game, including several for the Titan coverage teams.

Men's Soccer

The Westminster College men's soccer team evened its overall record at 9-9-2 overall on Tuesday in New Wilmington, as the Titan kickers posted a 5-1 win over visiting Thiel College in a Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championship Tournament opening round game. The Titans are the #3 seed in the six-team, single-elimination tournament, while Thiel was the #6 seed.

Westminster raced to a 3-0 halftime lead and never looked back, although Thiel did break the shutout with a goal at the 63:05 mark to make in 4-1 before the Blue & White added an insurance tally. Freshman midfielder Alex Castillo (Austintown, OH/Austintown Fitch H.S.) opened the scoring at 15:43 on a goal assisted by junior defender Christian Davoli (Enon, OH/Greenon H.S.). Junior midfielder Sebastian Driver-Salazar (Bethesda, MD/Walter Johnson H.S.) made it 2-0 at 19:21 assisted by junior defender Chris Castillo (Austintown, OH/Austintown Fitch H.S.). Senior midfielder Brian Glass (Venetia/Peters Township H.S.) made it 3-0 on a goal assisted by senior forward Todd Fisher (Grove City/Grove City H.S.) just 58 seconds before halftime.

In the second half, senior forward Matt Roser (Kingwood, TX/Kingwood H.S.) made it 4-0 at 58:17, scoring off assists by senior defender Nick White (McMurray/Peters Township H.S.) and freshman forward Mark Sadler (New Kensington/St. Joseph's H.S.). After Steven Haylett scored for Thiel to cut the lead to 4-1, freshman midfielder Blake Ordell (Clinton Township, MI/Fraser H.S.) closed the scoring with a goal at 74:50 assisted by Sadler.

Westminster senior Kevin Humberston (North Versailles/East Allegheny H.S.) and freshman Tom Hansen (Haltom City, TX/Nolan Catholic H.S.) split the win in goal, with Humberston making two saves in the first 58:17 before giving way to Hansen, who allowed one goal in the final 31:43. Westminster outshot Thiel 19-3 and held a 6-4 advantage in corner kicks.

Calendar of Events

Friday, November 7
Last Day to Withdraw from Class ($15 Fee)
Last Day to Drop One Class ($15 Fee)
11:00 am - 1:00 Beta Beta Beta Plant Sale — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
11:40 am Chapel
Kappa Delta Pi Fall Colloquium
6:00 - 10:00 pm "Lock-in Extravaganza" for Kids 3-12, sponsored by the Softball Team — Old 77
8:00 pm CPC Presents Andrew Kennedy (comedian) — MCC Club/Student Lounge
10:00 pm - 2:00 am Titan's Tavern – MCC Club
10:30 pm Movie in McKelvey — S.W.A.T. — MCC 219

Saturday, November 8
10:00 am Titan Trot 5K – Field House
National Association of Music Teachers Competition – Chapel
1:00 pm Football @ Thomas More
M&W Soccer @ PAC Tournament
1:00 pm M&W Swimming @ Ashland
7:00 pm Mass
8:00 pm Movie in McKelvey — S.W.A.T. — MCC 219
Kappa Delta Date Party
10:30 pm Movie in McKelvey: Seabiscuit — MCC 219
10:45 pm Night Owl Bowling ($2.00 cost, meet in front of McKelvey)

Sunday, November 9
3:00 pm Men's & Women's Chorus Concert – Chapel
6:15 pm IFC Meeting
7:00 pm Vespers
8:30 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – PH 311/312
8:30 pm Kappa Delta Meeting – MCC Witherspoon
9:00 pm Movie in McKelvey: Seabiscuit – MCC 219

Monday, November 10
REGISTRATION — MCC Witherspoon Maple
11:40 am Chapel
5:15 pm Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
7:00 pm Seekers Praise Band Practice — Chapel
7:30 pm Piano Showcase Recital – Orr Auditorium
9:00 pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting — MCC 352
9:00 pm Lambda Sigma Meeting — PH 114
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Berlin Student Lounge

Tuesday, November 11
REGISTRATION — MCC Witherspoon Maple
VETERANS DAY
12:45 pm All-Campus Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall
5:00 pm Psych Club — Phillips Lecture Hall
5:30 pm SAA Meeting
6:30 pm Mock Convention Planning — MCC 255
7:30 pm Faculty Wind/Brass Recital — Chapel
8:00 pm Off-Campus Lottery — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club

Wednesday, November 12
REGISTRATION — MCC Witherspoon Maple
11:30 am PRSSA Exec Meeting — MCC 352
11:40 am Faculty Forum: Phyllis Kitzerow, "Teaching: "You Gave Him What?!?" – MCC 219
11:45 am Black Student Union Meeting — MCC 255
7:00 pm SGA Meeting – MCC 219
8:00 pm Celebrity Series Special Show: In the Mood – Orr Auditorium
9:30 pm Seekers Fellowship — MCC Witherspoon Maple

Thursday, November 13
REGISTRATION — MCC Witherspoon Maple
11:00 am Support Staff Meeting – MCC 255
Kappa Delta Pi National Convocation in St. Louis
Noon - 2:00 pm ALLIES Luncheon for Faculty — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
6:00 pm College Republicans — TC 210
6:30 pm S.I.F.E. Meeting — MCC 255
7:00 pm Circle K International Meeting — TC 210
7:30 pm Theatre Westminster Presents The Laramie Project – Beeghly Theater
9:00 pm Theta Chi Suitcase Party and Getaway — MCC Berlin Student Lounge and Club Mac

OPINION

Rant and Rave

The Drinko center makes me thirsty.

Does anyone else think the commercial that says Titan Radio is "commercial-free" is funny?

I got my permit to register, but where is registration?

Can't people at fraternity parties grow up and stop fighting?

Goods to the Alpha Sigs for their haunted house.

A paper to write and 20 minutes to do it... "Go go gadget writing skills!"

Professors that postpone tests make me happy.

Today, I'm gonna kick it.

Pay the smokers to hold doors for people since we are out there anyway.

So what happened to the whole "stolen umbrella" thing?

Thanks for adopting a ghost.

The Reduced Shakespeare Company rocked my world.

I laughed, I cried, I looked for a parking spot and then I cried again.

I think you're gonna have to drive.

Who's going to Florida on Thursday?

I'm watching you!

Don't forget...umm...

I was wearing shorts on Monday. In November. And I liked it.

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Our View: Relax and scream

It is getting to that point when papers, projects, and every other thing that can make your life hell come due. Most likely all the stuff you have to do is due on the same day too. Days like this it seems as if professors are trying to suffocate you under mounds of homework. You have more assignments than you have time, and every last one of them is the most important thing, and the one you should be spending all of your time on.

Nervous yet?

You should be. Your heart starts pounding like you have run from Hoyt to Hillside; in reality you have just gotten out of bed. You get that constant itch behind your finger nails that makes your hands want to jump from the keyboard to your notebook to a textbook you should have read three weeks ago. As the work backs up and your nerves wear thin the stress rises to astronomical levels.

Stress is bad. Everyone knows that. Stress can cause you to snap at your friends and loved ones. It can lead to headaches, insomnia, and the misconception that "mystery meat" is a good thing. Stress is the enemy, and its arsenal is wide-papers, work sheets, take home tests and exams.

At this point you should be told to take a breath and make a list. Take things one at a time and they will get done. Slow and steady wins the race. Blah, blah, blah.

Lets get real. When its 4 a.m. and you're twitching like a CS major without caffeine, making lists and taking deep breaths does jack squat. If you are the type of person to make lists and go slow and steady, you probably finished your assignments last Tuesday and are currently wondering if you should read ahead for next semester. (There is nothing wrong with this super-human devotion to work; you just make the slackers envious.)

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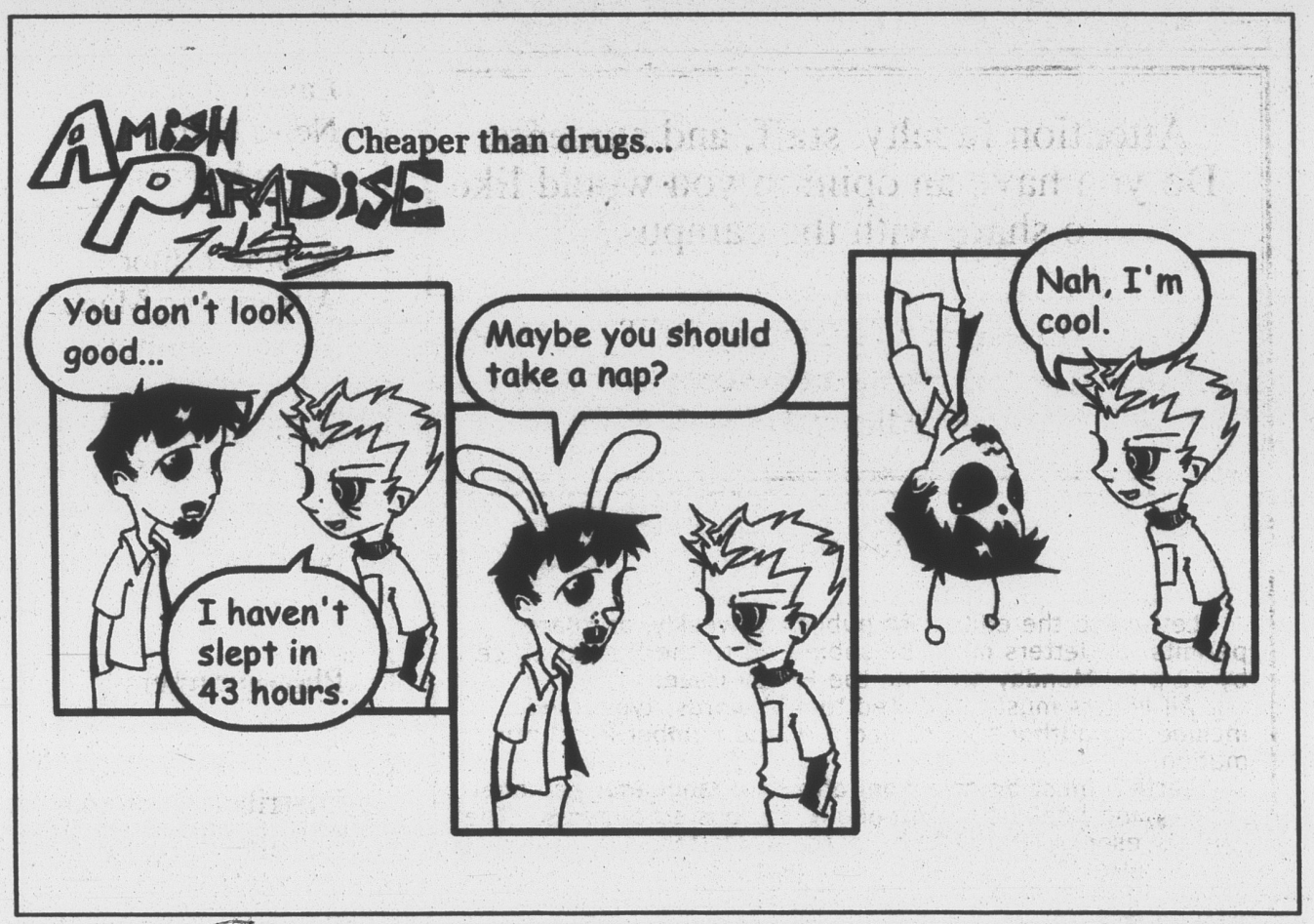
Here is some advice for all those out there who value an extra seven minutes of sleep over a shower: Take breaks, lots of them. Go outside and walk around. Go to Walmart. Watch a movie. Breaks put nice large margins between you and the dreaded word-work.

Work with friends in the room. Besides providing excellent excuses to take a break, friends can also yell at you when you start to drool over the keyboard. Study parties may sound incredibly dorky, but they work. Misery loves company after all.

Screaming is an excellent way to relieve pressure (as an added bonus, it also scares the spit out of anyone within ear shot).

Crying is a good stress relief too. Never let it be said that real men do not cry. Real men wail like babies and cry for their mommies when the other option is eating your bio book in hopes of ingesting the knowledge.

Truth be told, lists and breaths do help, but do not overlook the more base pleasures of screaming and skipping out for an hour or two. In the long run any way of relieving the stress of a downward spiraling semester is a good thing.



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Opinion/Editorial

Guest Editorial: Halloween, celebration or much ado about nothing?

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My wife and I have three adorable children. The five of us are still digging through and sorting the mountain of candies, chocolates, chips, bubblegums, and yes, even a set of toothbrush and paste, that has grown in our dining room on All Hallow Even, better known as Halloween (NB: properly pronounced HAL-low-EEN, not HOL-low-Ween). Just as an unexamined life is not worth living, an unexamined mountain of candies and snacks is not worth eating. Well, what is the meaning of Halloween that we just celebrated?

As with all holidays-NB: holy-days-there are many things that amorphously and ambiguously inundate our life around Halloween: the plethora of pumpkins and Jack-o-Lanterns, which come from a tale of a man named Jack whose soul wandered the world carrying a turnip with a fiery coal inside; candies; a cacophony of "Trick or Treat!" at the door; children and grown-ups in ghoulish and jocose costumes displaying the unending horizons of human creativity and wit, or perhaps the contemporary closet full of our deepest, darkest angst about death, nothingness, and anti-creation; more candies; mischievous and often harmful pranks on homes, cars, and even people; costume parties galore; lawn ornaments and decorations that tend to border more on kitsch than on sublime aesthetics; and still more candies.

Since centuries ago All Hallows or All Saints' Day has been observed in Western liturgical churches on November 1st as a Christian feast in honor of all the saints. Before that, it seems to have been a Celtic celebration of the new year. Since All Saints' Day was a religious observance, the night before, Halloween, came to be understood as the realm of the enemies of the church such as witches and sorcerers-hence, the idea of Halloween as a time of ghosts and monsters. Halloween was not widely celebrated in our country until the 1840s, when thousands of Irish citizens came here to escape the great potato famine. Before that, it had only been observed in a few small Irish-Catholic communities. That is to say, Halloween in America is the legacy of the mass emigration from the Emerald Isle and Scotland long ago.

But what about now? What are all the expensive decorations and costume parties about? Just candy? If so, our celebration of Easter is not far behind. The Christian celebration of Halloween is barely palpable. The Celtic-Druid celebration is also barely perceptible. I'm afraid I don't see much beyond the mountain of candy that sits in our dining room. I don't see much beyond an empty conservatism that transmits the ghosts of meaningful celebrations from ages ago. The messengers of meaning turn out to be essentially lifeless zombies that indeed walk, but without knowing whence or whither. Just walking. The celebration, or better yet, non-celebration of Halloween represents the ultimate Existentialist coupling of Hershey's and the theater of the absurd.

All this notwithstanding, my family "celebrates" Halloween. Not only that, I have found at least one salutary effect of our Halloweens. It is the one evening when all the kids in our neighborhood are out and about, away from their desktops and Xboxes, away from the IMs and e-mails, away from the ever elusive lure of TVs, DVDs, CDs, MP3s. In our neighborhood, the children and their parents ambulate for this sacred hour-and-a-half, even if disguised as ghosts and zombies, crossing streets they would otherwise not cross, knocking on doors they would otherwise never near, seeing their neighbors' face they would otherwise not see. In all this, they breathe life into an ordinarily sterile landscape. In all this, they hallow the ground we call neighborhood.

Back on the other hand, Halloween still haunts me with the specter of nihilism. Has Hallowe'en become a hollow e'en? Somewhere amidst the smashed pumpkins littering the streets of my otherwise intact neighborhood, and under the festive costumes and parties celebrating nothing are intimations of chaos and meaninglessness. We seem to celebrate each year this Halloween that represents and celebrates nothing. No wonder "Seinfeld" resonates with our turn-of-the-millennium American existence. We don't just enjoy watching a show about nothing. We seem to be becoming one.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

Runaway Jury & Intolerable Cruelty

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

With the abundant amount of good films out in the theaters right now, we are taking this time to reflect on a couple that may have slipped through the cracks. While many movies have come and gone, we've chosen two that shouldn't be missed.

Runaway Jury, one of the better movies to come along this fall, proves once again that a John Grisham adaptation is a sure-fire hit. This time, we get one of the best outings rivaling A Time to Kill and even The Firm. This movie features an ensemble cast of John Cusack, Gene Hackman, Dustin Hoffman, and Rachel Weisz, but the lesser known actors are just as entertaining. The story centers around a seemingly reluctant juror, Nicholas Easter (Cusack), who is trapped in a pivotal case whose verdict could potentially hold gun manufacturers responsible for gun related crimes. Hackman is a hired gun set out to pick the best jury to win the case for the gun company. Too soon though, we realize Easter and his girlfriend (Weisz) are up to something as they literally hold the verdict for ransom to the sum of ten million dollars.

What's nice about this movie, is that it challenges the mind enough to keep you entertained but the plot is straight forward and doesn't confuse the audience. While it may have mature themes and a little violence, this movie is essentially for everyone, young and old.

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The story is a little far fetched but it is a Grisham adaptation so it's meant to entertain not to be realistic. The directing is relatively average but this movie didn't set out to win any Oscars, which is a nice change of pace, this time of year. Really, that's the worst thing that can be said.

Go see Runaway Jury, it's an A picture for general audiences. Die hard Grisham fans may be a little disappointed at how much the story stretches reality, so for people like this, that love The Firm, its an A-.

The newest Coen Brothers movie, Intolerable Cruelty, is probably their strongest attempt at making a mainstream movie. The Brothers, famous for making such films as Fargo, The Big Lebowski, and O Brother Where Art Thou, have worked with many different genres and now dive into the realm of romantic comedy.

The film focuses on world famous divorce lawyer Miles Massey, played by the appealing George Clooney, and his exploits involving gold digger Marilyn Rexroth (Catherine Zeta-Jones). Miles is the most successful lawyer, period, and his next case involves defending Marilyn's soon to be ex-husband. From here, the movie centers around these two characters and their exploits in trying to trick and manipulate each other.

The problem with this movie is that it was advertised as a typical romantic comedy, but the Coen Brothers are just not capable of being satisfied with that. The movie has a more cynical taste to it than most fans of this genre prefer. On the other side of the coin, it's a little more realistic than other Coen Brothers movies, so die hard fans of their work stand to be a little disappointed as well.

Despite the mixed feelings, the movie has a lot to offer everyone if they can nix their predisposed expectations. There's a good amount of romance and chemistry mixed in with enough goofball humor and sarcasm to make an appealing film. The performances are all very entertaining and the actors seem to be having an extremely fun time making the movie.

A couple on a date will most likely see this movie and give it a B. Coen Brother fanatics, on the other hand, especially those that loved The Big Lebowski, would give it a C because it is no where near their past comedic adventures.

Strange things are afoot at the Circle-K: Why I'll never enter the matrix

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

The third installment of "The Matrix" series comes out this weekend. I'm sorry, but I just can't get fired up about that. I'd rather go see "Elf" or the new Hugh Grant movie, thank you very much.

I don't mean to put down the films; it's just that they aren't for me. I have yet to see the "Remix" one, or whatever it's called. And if I can help it, I probably won't.

I suppose it all stems from the fact that I fell asleep when I tried to watch "The Matrix" for the first time. I kid you not. Granted, I started watching it at one o'clock in the morning, but I did wake up in time to see the Keanu and Carrie blow up that lobby. Or whatever it is.

I didn't try watching it again until two years ago, when I wanted to use it for an Inquiry paper on gender roles in film. I almost, sort of, kind of, maybe followed the plot, but not completely. I was paying more attention to what place Trinity and that chick in the white outfit have in their society.

Last year, and since then I suppose, TNT has given "The Matrix" the "new classic" treatment by playing it incessantly for an entire weekend. So, I tried again, with every intention of trying to 'get it.' Only a slight improvement over previous viewings.

Thus, my friends, I give you my personal interpretation of "The Matrix," based on year old memories.

So, there's this guy, who's all into computers. Ted "Theodore" Logan doesn't strike me as a computer kind of guy, but we've all got to grow up sometime.

Anyhow, Neo, the guy, gets this virussy thing shoved into his stomach. I'm really not sure why; I guess computer nerds are easy targets. Then Neo gets picked up whilst working his corner by the most excellent Trinity and Morpheus in a super hot ride. Trinity works the voodoo magic and extracts the virus. There's some "Alice in Wonderland" references with that whole rabbit hole nonsense. Then, shazam! Neo's a pod person. Never saw that one coming now did you? Nope, me neither.

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Here's where I get wicked confused. Apparently, we've been transported to some space ship-planet-alternate universe place where everyone dresses in potato sacks. Not the greatest fashion statement, but I'm sure Ally Hilfiger would dig it.

Turns out Morpheus is a leader of this cult, or whatever they are, and they're all about this Matrix thing. Or maybe they don't like it. Never did figure that out. All the same, these folks are like walking computers and can just hook themselves up to these sweet games, like Mortal Kombat. The ultimate in virtual reality.

Morpheus then decides it'd be a great time to get his cards read and takes Neo to see the Oracle. It's here that Neo finds out he's "the one" (Neo = one. Get it?) The one what? The man with the plan, I guess.

Morphy is all fired up and sends the kids out to get Agent Smith (Hi, Elrond!). But Joey Pants goes and tattles on the whole operation. Mouse, the cute and innocent one, gets it, one of the Bash Brothers almost bites it, and Morphy gets kidnapped. Bullets fly, Agent Smith morphs into everyone and their mom, and Neo figures out he can do all these cool party tricks, throwing punches and gang signs. You know how we roll. There's a whole big moment of anxiety concerning whether or not Neo will make it back to the Starship alive. Trinity gives him the kiss of life and all is well. The end.

"The Matrix" obviously isn't for everyone, as you can tell from my crude and, most likely, offensive recap. But that's okay. That's the beauty of movies.

A movie can be one of the best-made pieces of art ever, but that doesn't mean I have to love it. And some of my favorites are the biggest pieces of crap, according to the critics. For example, I love "Empire Records," but it's far from Oscar worthy. We just have to remember, most excellent dudes and dudettes, "San Dimas football rules!"

Doing it for the kids: 17th Annual Bridge School benefit concert

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

Even though it is held hundreds of miles away near Seattle, WA at Shoreline Amphitheater, Neil Young's 17th annual Bridge School benefit is still an event that is worth paying attention to. This year's benefit was held on October 25-26 and has a history of being one of the most musically diverse and critically acclaimed annual events.

The two-day, all-acoustic concert raises funds for the Bridge School, which prepares students with severe physical or speech impediments for mainstream education. This year's line up consisted of Dashboard Confessional, the Counting Crows, Wilco, the Indigo Girls, Incubus, Pearl Jam, Willie Nelson, and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young who all played both days. This year, the show coincided with a weekend of nationwide protests and the event was riddled with a variety of political undertones.

Neil Young had his traditional spot, opening the evening with the school's students and their families seated onstage behind him. He was joined by Willie Nelson's harmonica player, Mickey Rafael, and played pump organ for the eco-hymnal "Mother Earth (Natural Anthem)."

The setting worked well for emo-punk

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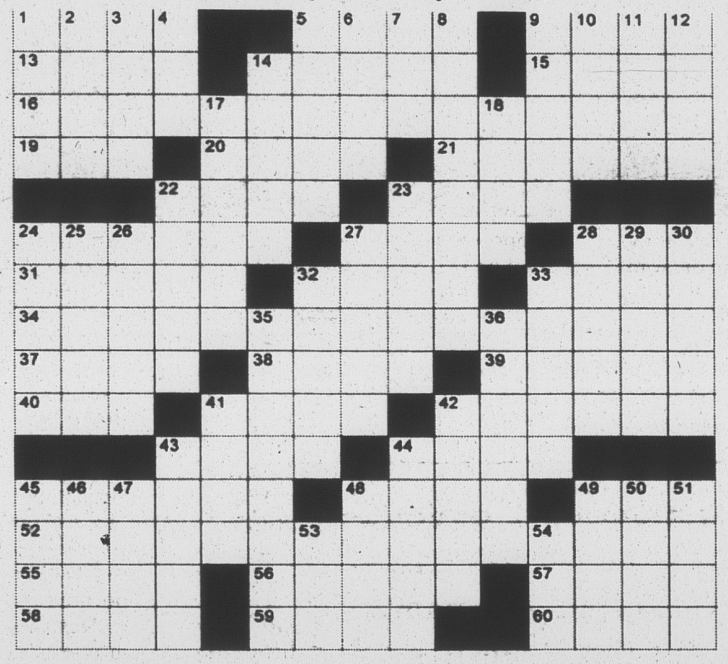
Crossword 101

Royal Splendor

By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading.

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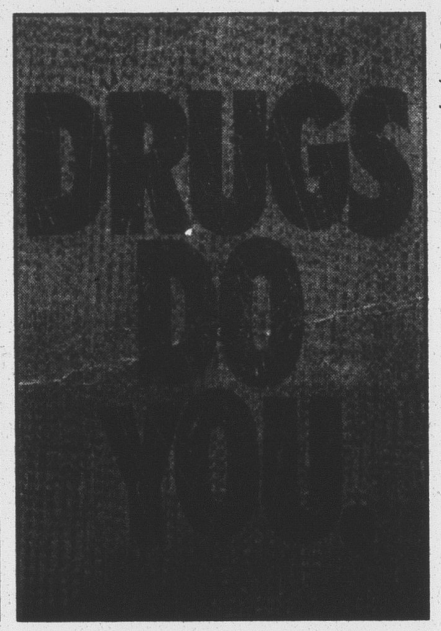


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Patience on the home front will eventually turn any sticky situation in your favor. A little self-sacrifice for family members will do more good for you than them. Try not to insist on perfection - you will be in for considerable frustration.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Avoid playing the victim. If you are feeling left out in the cold, it is probably because you have not made your needs known to others. Speak up, and you will see an immediate difference. Some of your suggestions, especially at home, may be met with resistance.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Be sure to take care of your own needs - which may mean taking a little time out for yourself. Usual routines have to be altered, so nip your ego in the bud and behave with courtesy towards others. The combo of acting from the heart while using your head is unbeatable.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
There seems to be a sensation of aloneness. Relationships, especially your mate, need extra attention - state your needs carefully and diplomatically. Your skills in the workplace are greatly appreciated and will likely be financially rewarded.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Don't let your ego get the best of you this week, inducing you into something foolish. This may not be the right time to control the situation. Someone you love presents you with a special gift of time and attention. Show your appreciation for a treasure that is priceless.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
You seem to be on top of the world this week. This positive energy could be coming from a number of areas; perhaps your love life is improving, or some unexpected success in business, so enjoy it! A large part of your joy comes from the sense of striving to be best.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Your ideas are good ones, but you must be willing to accept input from others - bend, so you don't break. There are some bitter feelings resulting from betrayal of some sort. Work on rebuilding the trust you've lost. Remember that change is a constant.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Insist on both quality and honesty in your dealings with others. Keep in mind that the absolute truth is hard to come by, you have access to only your personal truth and perspective. Emotional situations require a decision from you. Your choice may be difficult but for the best.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Romance is in the air during the week. If you are presently unattached, pay attention to those sexual attractions with someone who is kind and has lots of common sense. You have a tendency to be lazy-recognize the difference between rest and being a couch potato.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Do something extravagant. Although money is usually associated with this activity, time is your most precious commodity. Take some for yourself. Family life will be a joy right now. Everyone is getting along great. Review joint assets and reconsider long term investing.

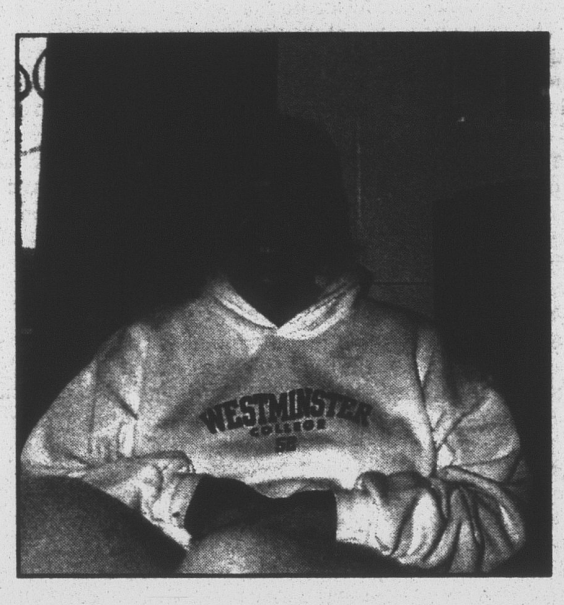
AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
It would be good to talk about your need for quite a bit of independence in your relationships, so that there are no surprises later on. Listen closely for words of love, for they might be hidden between the lines. Possessive energy may send you in the opposite direction.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Your careful attention to loved ones may not evoke an immediate response, but realize that you are greatly appreciated. Remove your walls if you truly want to get through to someone - you have to show your own vulnerability. Take into account everyone is unique.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Maintain optimism regarding a raise or a promotion, you are almost sure to receive it. Changes do not come easily to you, but an unexpected one, in your personal life will be more accepted than most. Tend to your spiritual life.

FEATURE

People in Your Neighborhood:



Name: Danielle Zielinski
Age: 21
Major: Mathematics
Place of Birth: Kittanning, PA
Favorite Color: Blue
What class would you love to see at WC: Basket weaving
Favorite Music Genre: Pop & Rap
Favorite Artist: Eminem
Favorite Musical: Oklahoma!
Favorite Radio Station: B94
Computer illiterate or computer genius: I'm not a computer genius, but I am a computer science major.
Favorite Quote: "Friends are the smackerals of life - you can never have too many." - Winnie-the-Pooh
If you could choose one famous person to have lunch with, who would it be and why: Adam Sandler - he's my favorite actor.
What were you for Halloween: I was a princess.
Message for the world: Sometimes you just need to leave things go, it makes life so much happier.

Name: Tom Oyer
Age: 21
Major: Sociology
Place of Birth: Wooster, OH
Favorite Color: Blue
Which class would you love to see at WC: Any film course
Favorite Music Genre: Dance, or any other club music
Favorite Artist: Any black female singer - Whitney, Beyonce, who cares? I love them all.
Favorite Musical: Rent
Favorite Radio Station: Z88.1 from University of Akron
Computer illiterate or computer genius: In the middle.
Coke or Pepsi: Pepsi
If you could choose one famous person to have lunch with, who would it be and why: Margaret Cho, because she's the funniest person alive.
What were you for Halloween: I was a 70s porn star.
Message for the world: To just love and respect everyone, and to not judge other people.

Prospectives: come to Westminster 'cause we love you

by Carolyn Miller
Feature Editor

I love prospective students.

No, it's not some weird fetish, it's just that I love to walk across campus and see a group of high school seniors with their parents and a tour guide, appraising the campus as they go along. I just want to run up to the group, saying "Hey, this place has its highs, it's got its lows, but when it comes down to it, I'm really glad I'm here."

They're so innocent, too. I remember being a senior in high school, getting the letter of acceptance to Westminster, and then driving up here with my parents. I got all googly-eyed as soon as I set foot on the campus, sucked into the stonework of Old Main, the ivy creeping up the walls, the creek down by the field house. It's so easy to think, "Wow, this is college, and college is big." Even on a small campus like this one, it still seemed so huge to my naïve eyes.

The girl who gave me my tour here was nice enough, but really didn't seem to like her job. She told us everything she knew, and took us to the buildings we wanted to see, but she seemed to just be detached from her duties. The other person in our group was a football player, I remember. I don't think he ended up coming here.

Even though, she was incredibly helpful in showing me where I could go to talk to someone in the department I wanted to be in. The professor we met even put down his lunch to give me a tour of all the facilities. I think part of my love of prospective students has to do with that – I want to be a part of making students feel special, and helping them decide if Westminster is the right college for them.

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I lived in Shaw 114 my freshman year, right next to the room they show to the prospective students. Students and their parents would come through, peek into the show room, and then walk to my room and knock on my door. My room was always a mess, but the parents seemed to be more interested in seeing a 'real' room than a 'fake' one.

Freshman year, after realizing how much I wanted to give prospectives tours of the campus, I decided to look into SWAT. Then I realized that it was unpaid for a lot of hours spent, and had to be content with just watching the students walk through the dorms.

Still, I get to be a part of the tour anyway. Working in the radio station means that there's a possibility of a prospective broadcast major coming down and looking around. I love to show off what we can do, and what I know and have learned after being her for almost four years. I'm proud of what I do here, and I like to let other people know that they could as happy as I am here.

We have the privilege of going to school on a beautiful campus, with grass and trees and even a lake (as murky as it may seem sometimes).

Everybody should take advantage of the beautiful days we have by taking a walk around the lake, hanging out underneath a tree, or just studying outside. And there's beauty in every season, even in winter (especially when classes are cancelled).

Okay, I realize this has turned into a big ad for Westminster college, and we get enough of those by just going to school here.

But what I'm trying to say here is that if you're not happy here, then maybe it wasn't the school for you. Remember, you're still young – you've got plenty of opportunities open to you, you just need to take them! After all, you can't get anywhere in the world if you don't take a step forward.

Insert Angry Voice Here: Hamburger Stands

by Drew Huston
News Editor

Progress has been made. Oh yes, we are now able to get the grilled chicken sandwich at the TUB as part of our meal plan. We can now get drinks with our salads there, too. Some changes have been made. We can get soup instead of french fries. We can now choose a sandwich of the week, if we wish. The price of the 195-block meal plan has even gone down. Now, the average cost of a single meal is no longer $7.35, but $7.00. Progress has been made, yes, but not enough, in my angry and controversial opinion. For example, we are being asked to pay $8.14 per meal if we take the 135-meal plan. Why do we have to pay more to eat less? I guess buying in bulk is what the program is intending to encourage, but I simply do not see any value in paying $8.14 per meal, when you are only going to get at maximum $4.65 out of it.

The "meal plus" plan is even worse. The "meal plus" plan gives students $70 to use as dine dollars, so they can buy other, non-Sodexho foods at the TUB. But, $70 doesn't seem like that much, so let's round it up to $100. Now, rounding up like this is giving Sodexho the benefit of the doubt, and is actually cheating in favor of them. Anyway, if you get the 150-block "plus" plan, let's see how much money you spend. First, there is the original $100 in dine dollars, so that cuts the price down to $1265 for just meals. That means that you and I, even giving Sodexho the benefit of the doubt and rounding up so as to help them, are paying $8.43 per meal under that plan. It gets even worse as you go to the smaller plans - if you have the 90-meal "plus" plan, you are paying $11.11 per meal (I am putting this in all capital letters because it is a lot of money and because people need to realize just how badly they are being screwed), and you're only allowed to get $4.65 maximum worth of food at the TUB. I guess by "meal plus," Sodexho means "gouging the crap out of our customers."

> I'm sure many students would be willing to stand inside the building and heat the place with their breath if it could mean saving a substantial sum on their meal plans.

Just for my own vilification, I went out and decided to compare prices of our own TUB and several fast food restaurants in the area. At Wendy's, you can get a quarter-pound Single meal, Biggie-sized, for $4.37. That's including tax. At McDonald's, a Quarter-Pounder Extra Value Meal, Large-sized, goes for $4.65, the same price our own TUB charges for dinner. At Burger King, a Whopper Value Meal, King-sized, is $5.07. The competition is fairly close to where the TUB is, at least when we can buy dinner. Keep in mind that we have to spend less at lunch and breakfast than at dinner.

This brings me to my next question - where is all that extra money going? Where is that $2.35 minimum left over going? Well, it's not going to food. You're paying only $4.65 for that at the maximum. According to the SGA's Food Advisory Committee, they were told that that extra profit (the $2.35 if you have the 195-block plan, and the $6.46 if you have the 90-block "meal plus" plan) goes toward paying staff, maintaining facilities, and even heating the McKelvey Center. Wait - heating the building?! I'm sure many students would be willing to stand inside the building and heat the place with their breath if it could mean saving a substantial sum on their meal plans. What strikes me, is that Wendy's, McDonald's, and Burger King all manage to sell their food at very similar prices, yet they don't require one to pay a $2.35+ fee for simply walking into their establishment. No, they charge around $4.65 or so, and somehow they manage to pay their employees (now, I don't know the rates here at Westminster, but I've been told by some that Burger King and McDonald's pay much better than Sodexho), they manage to maintain their facilities, and they even manage to heat and cool their buildings. It's amazing - they must have accounting geniuses behind the scenes to be able to squeak by. It's incredulous that these companies can even make a profit at all.

To further illustrate this point, I went to Wal-Mart and checked out the prices of some name-brand goods, to see if I could manage to sell some cheeseburgers for the same price as the TUB does, in the unlikely event that I would want to start up a burger stand outside of the Campus Center. Here's my list: Hamburgers: 20 quarter-pound burgers of US Grade A Ground Beef - $12.16. Cheese: 1 pound (24 slices) of Kraft American Singles - $2.88. Ore Ida French Fries - 4 packages at $2.00 a piece - $8.00. Wonder Bread

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No heart vs bleeding heart: News Media

by Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

I think this is the only topic in the entire world where the conservative side has more resources to support its argument. Ever since I became a political student, I have been taught that the media is a liberal machine. Each year, more and more journalists enter the media field with all intentions of promoting the Democratic views and bashing my Republican colleagues. But Jessica, where do you get such notions? Let's investigate some common forums of media.

Let us begin with the print media. I get the New York Times online, you know, because I'm too poor and lazy to actually go to the bookstore and get a hard copy. But let's read some recent headlines: "Issue for Bush: How to Speak of Casualties?', "Iraq Said to Have Tried to Reach Last-Minute Deal to Avert War" and "In Anti-Abortion Campaign, One Leap for Incrementalism". Call me a little crazy, but I get the feeling these journalists didn't pull the Republican lever this past Tuesday. And I'm not even going near the opinion pages. That's just too easy. If I did have a hard copy, I'm sure I could find some conservative friendly articles in the last few pages, you know, next to the used car ads.

Next up: television. Now, I used to be a regular viewer of CNN, but there came I time when I could no longer stomach its anchors, especially Judy Woodruff. Can we say biased? During the coverage of the 2000 election, she might as well have had "Gore" stamped on her forehead. But for this article's sake, I made an attempt to watch it. I'm greeted with an anti-voucher piece as soon as I turn to the channel. I've watched enough. And people complain that Fox News is too conservative. So what? Are we allowed anything?

And we can't forget the internet, the savior of college life. How would we do our research papers without it? Now it's you, the readers, who get to do a little experiment. Get ready! Go to the Google website and search for any topic that conservatives and liberals would be in disagreement (abortion, death penalty, gun control, etc). Now compare the number of liberal websites to conservative ones. Amazing isn't it? I'm willing to bet that two-thirds of the results were those that smacked of liberal ideals. Anyone who has taken a political science class has experienced those students who can spout off numerous left wing statistics. Well duh! With an internet boiling over with liberal supporting pages, how hard can it be to find such "reliable" stats? I'll stick to legitimate government websites, thanks.

Fair and balanced media? I think not. Someone has a better chance of convincing me that I can win Miss America with this body than getting me to believe that the media is "balanced." I'm fighting an uphill battle, people, but it's worth it. Maybe one day you'll see my face on TV, as long as James Carville doesn't block my shot. At least I have Fox News, until FCC finds a way to take it off the air, anyway.

by Richard Marmura
Resident Liberal

Have you ever heard the expression, "Tell a lie enough times and SOME people will start to believe it..."? This type of rhetoric is used continuously in politics to make untrue things, SEEM true to the public. A good example of this type of rhetoric is the conservative created myth regarding the supposed "liberal media bias".

For those of you who don't know, the so called "liberal media" is cited by the political right, essentially, whenever a news source reports anything that does not parallel their own views. The right blames reporters for giving the news we read and watch, a "liberal" slant. This makes a convenient and faceless scapegoat for the right to use in their rhetoric against the left.

However, I'm not here to merely debunk the "liberal-media bias" myth, rather I'm here to suggest a different possibility. I believe that the United States does not have a liberal bias in the media, but rather a conservative bias.

The first step in debunking the lies and revealing the truth of the matter is to look at who is really in charge of the news we watch and read. Do reporters decide what events/issues they will address? No! Saying that anchors/reporters decide what news will be presented is like claiming that workers on a car assembly line choose which vehicles their company will produce! Rather, it is managers and CEO's that dictate coverage! Keeping this in mind, we must note that every major television news network is owned by a parent company. General Electric owns NBC. Disney owns ABC. Westinghouse owns CBS. Time Warner-AOL owns CNN. Fox owns Fox News (shudder...). These are all huge multinational corporations, who in many cases, gave money to the George W. Bush's 2000 Presidential Campaign. Do we really think they are going to align themselves arbitrarily to the political left, even though it contradicts the views of some of their biggest supporters (ie conservatives)!

Additionally, General Electric and Westinghouse have military/defense contracts with the government. Consequently, it doesn't seem very plausible that companies who essentially make money from war, would own media outlets that are "liberal" and, therefore, usually against war. Also it must be noted that these networks are supported by advertising that is done by other companies. This once again goes back to political alliances. How many billionaire CEO's and Corporate Executives are going to help support networks that support a "liberal" agenda!?

Additionally, treatment of traditional liberal allies in the media contradicts the myth. Newspapers have business sections, not labor sections! Additionally, I ask you to think of the last time you saw a news story regarding organized labor. Most likely the story dealt with a strike or a protest; and showed the union unfavorably (regardless of the purpose of the strike...)! Additionally, language signals bias. It is often the case that labor "demands" (which has negative connotations), while management "offers" (which is positive sounding). And once the strike is ended, the media usually quotes figures about much the strike cost consumers! In the end, the media is almost always negative towards organized labor; despite the MANY positive benefits of being able to organize. We have to be one of the only countries in the world that views higher wages for workers as a BAD thing!

You may be asking, "But what about the sources from which our reporters and networks get their 'statistics' and 'facts'?". This is where things get especially shady. According to the media watchdog group FAIR, over a 1 year period, journalists quoted conservative think tanks 7792 times; centrist think-tanks were quoted 6361 times and "progressive" or liberal think-tanks were quote a scant 1152 times. That doesn't seem liberal to me, but rather conservative.

Ladies and Gentlemen, if this article has not convinced you, I ask that you merely look around! Conservatives, not liberals, dominate the air waves through ownership and advertising. Conservatives think tanks outnumber liberal think tanks nearly 3-1. Thus we have come to be taken in by another blatantly untrue, yet widely excepted, piece of rhetoric.

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band, Dashboard Confessional, since much of what they do is mapped out acoustically anyway. Reviews of their short set marked the unreleased song "So Beautiful" as the highlight, which they played in addition to their radio friendly singles.

The Counting Crows followed with Adam Duritz leading the band through a dirge-slow take on the Grateful Dead's "Friend of the Devil," as well as reinterpreted versions of a variety of the band's hits.

The former alt-country band Wilco, did a version of Woody Guthrie's "California Stars" that cited as an early highlight of the show. The band also played Guthrie's "Christ for President," with frontman Jeff Tweedy calling for "the Carpenter" to replace "the money-changers" in the White House. Tweedy also introduced a new song, "Company in My Back".

The Indigo Girls, who are certainly comfortable in the acoustic setting, handled a request from a Bridge School student for "Old MacDonald Had a Farm." The band also debuted a new, yet old-school sounding folk song called "Get Out The Map," which featured a switch from guitars to banjo and mandolin. The band brought out David Crosby for harmonies on "Galileo."

Incubus got a lot of mixed reviews from critics for the inclusion of DJ Chris Kilmore in their acoustic set. The band just recorded a new album and debuted two new songs, "A Crow Left of the Murder" and "Talkshows on Mute." They also did a rendition of Massive Attack's "Teardrop."

Pearl Jam opened with a cover of the Beatles' "You've Got to Hide Your Love Away". Frontman Eddie Vedder, who drew critical fire six months ago at the height of the Iraq war by wearing a Bush mask onstage, wasted no time in launching into Bob Dylan's "Masters of War." The rest of their set included a new song, "Man of the Hour," as well as covers of the Ramones' "Believe in Miracles" and Shel Silverstein's "25 Minutes to Go," which was recorded by Johnny Cash. "Man of the Hour," was written for the upcoming Tim Burton film "Big Fish."

Country legend Willie Nelson, who has spent much of the year on the campaign trail with Democratic Presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich, took to the stage with two Hank Williams covers, "I Can't Help It (If I'm Still in Love with You)" and "Jambalaya (On the Bayou)." Nelson was also recently nominated for the 2003 CMA Award Vocal Event of the Year for the song "Beer for My Horses" which he recorded with Toby Keith.

The four horsemen of folk rock, Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, headlined the event. Among their assorted material, they performed the rarely-played Buffalo Springfield Vietnam War-era protest anthem "For What It's Worth." All four pulled out guitars for Young's gorgeous "Harvest Moon," and Nash moved to the piano for "Our House." This year's grand finale, during which Young pulls about half the other musicians onstage, was a peppy rendition of the appropriate "Teach Your Children."

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Hamburger Buns - 4 packs of eight for $6.00. And a case of Coke for $5.98. Let's add all this up. If I bought all of this stuff, I would spend a total of $35.02. I guess you have to spend money to make money. I could make a total of 20 cheeseburgers, 20 orders of fries, and 20 cans of Coke with this amount of material. This would equal a cost of approximately $1.75 per meal. If I were to charge the student body $4.65 for each of the meals I prepared, which are not only the same size (approximately) as the TUB meals, but which are also name-brand goods (which you shouldn't believe for an instant you're getting at the TUB, where you get the 'guv-ment cheese' in many instances, save Pepsi products), I would get a profit of approximately $57.98. I would make more than 100% profit. Maybe I should get into this racket. Keep in mind, this is only 20 meals. I wouldn't be feeding a campus of more than 1,000 people.

If I could use the monopoly system on this campus, which forces us to buy a meal plan, regardless of whether or not we want it, I could probably afford to pay a staff a good salary. I bet I could heat a building or two, as well. Oh, and I wouldn't need to charge $2.35+ for no reason at all. There is a serious flaw to this argument that we are being fed, to use a rather bad pun. Also keep in mind that our friends at Sodexho do not necessarily buy brand-name goods for everything they cook, and also get the goods wholesale. Even with the Wal-Mart markup, I could make a hefty profit at my Hamburger Stand.

What I'm trying to say here is that we're being taken advantage of. Our meal plans aren't fair to us, and we're not getting our money's worth. We're too smart to not realize this. And I am just the one calling the problem what it is. I have no ill-will toward Sodexho (though some who are interested in human rights probably do - see Rich Marmura about that - I'm sure he'll be happy to tell you about that issue), but I am fed-up with being ripped off. If you are going to take our money so blatantly and grossly, please at least give the people who work extremely hard for us - Pat and Jerry and Jean and Evelyn, and student workers like Jennifer and Joe - a raise. I would feel a lot better if I knew that my money was being used to help a fellow student pay their way through college, or if I knew that my friends working at the TUB were benefiting from it. But, I honestly don't think they are.

Please, for the love of things holy, stop ripping us off. I guess, if nothing changes, I'll keep writing more articles, and expand the menu of my Hamburger Stand. But, I would like to think that since changes were made due to my last article, maybe more could be made now. I'm an angry person, yes, but I'm angry because I think I can help the lives of all the students here on campus by being so. And, I will continue to be angry until there are no more reasons to be angry. Until then, my column's not going anywhere.

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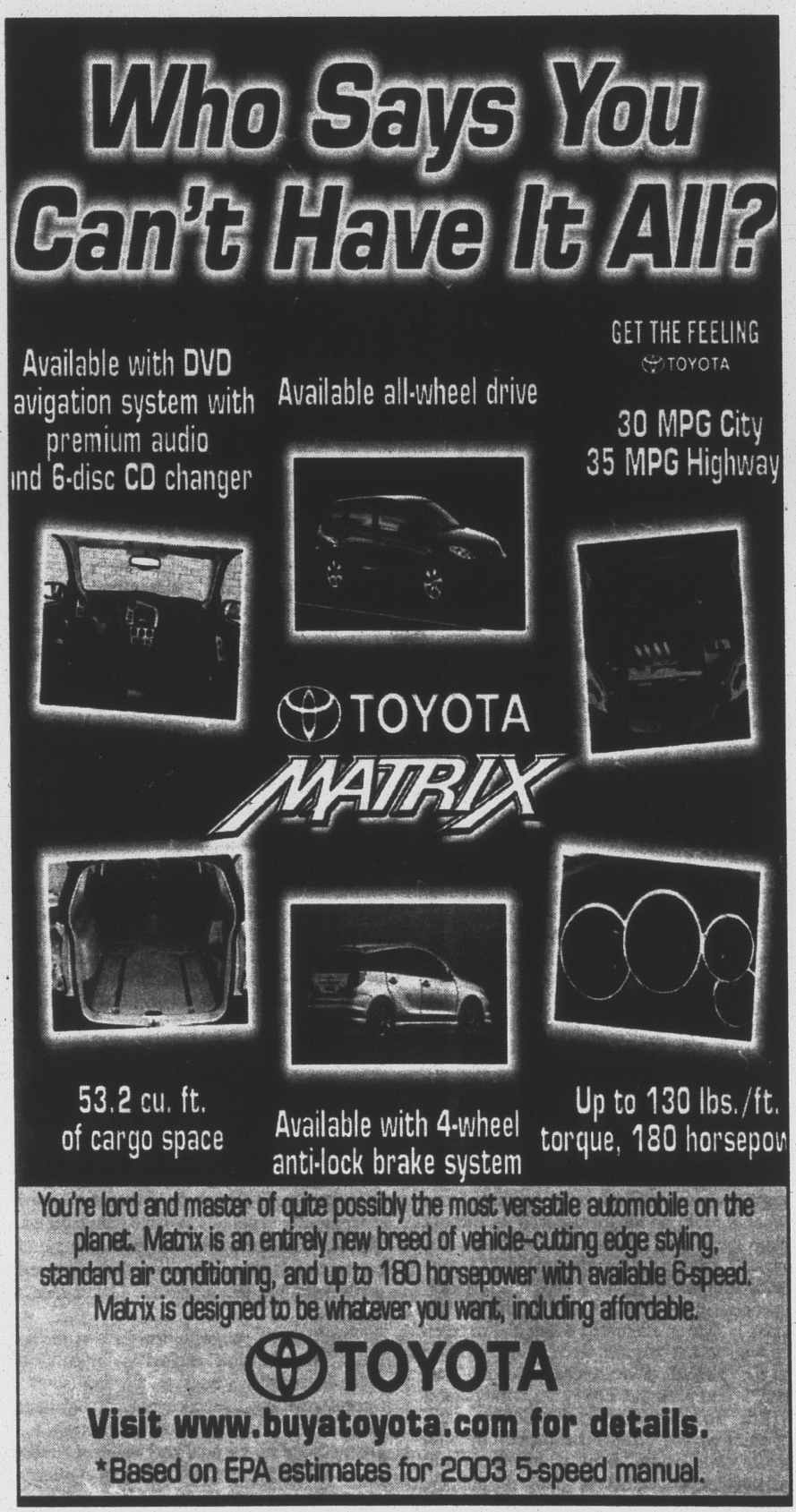

Meet the Holcad: Jessica Bevan

Layout Editor, A&E Editor, Wonder Woman

Year: Junior
Major: English and PR

Jess came to the Holcad a little over a year ago as the layout editor. Since then she has been, as she puts it, "moving on up like the Jeffersons." Right now she juggles layout with her new position as A&E editor.

Q: What's your favorite thing about working for the newspaper?
A: This may sound corny, but the sense of accomplishment when everything comes together.
Q: What's the hardest part about working for the newspaper?
A: Making everything come together.
Q: What made you want to take on the A&E editorship on top of your layout duties?
A: What can I say, I'm an entertainment junkie.
Q: So since you like entertainment so much, if you could see any performer live on stage who would it be?
A: John Mayer and Elton John on stage together. At the same time. Nothing sexual. Just good music.

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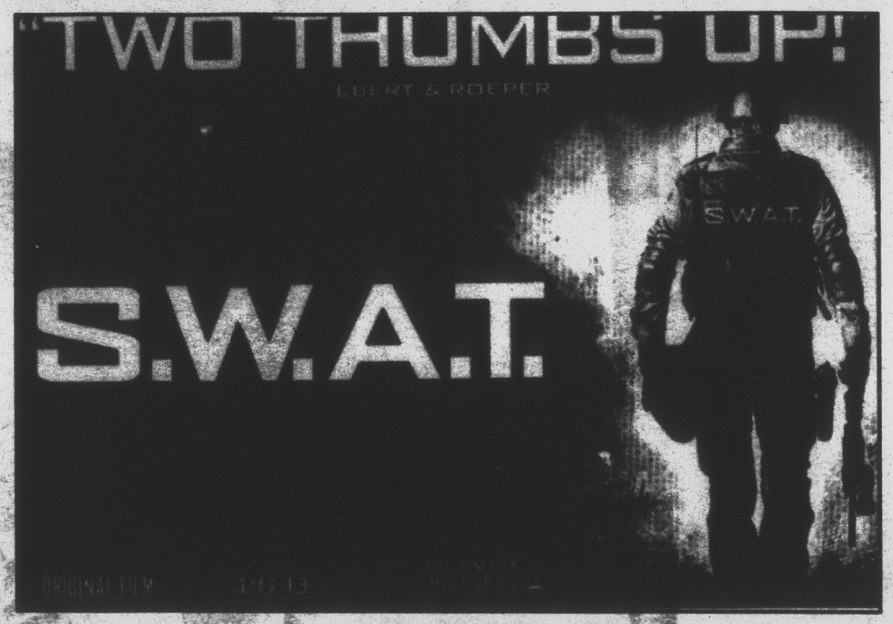

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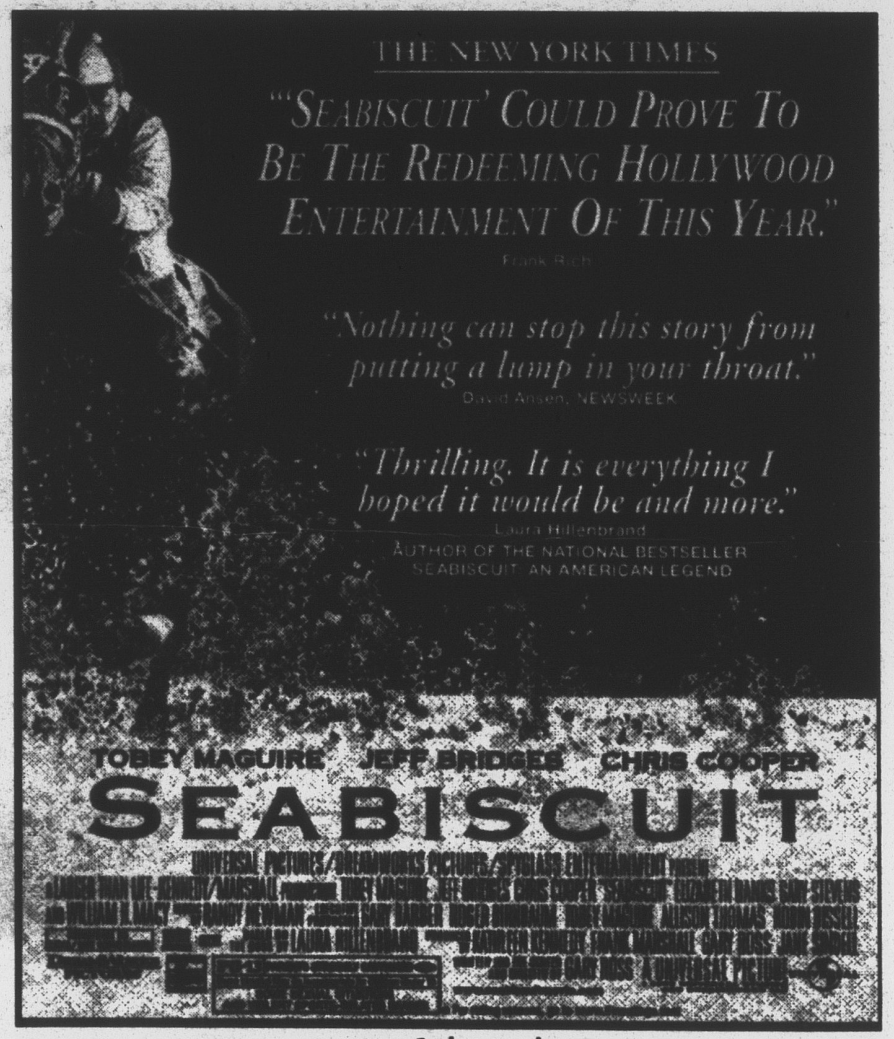

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Do the registration shuffle

from Titan Radio Digital 88.9

Registration for spring classes brought out long lines in the campus center.

Students lined up outside the Whitherspoon Room and down the spiral stairs in the McKelvey Center—despite efforts to schedule each student for specific blocks of time for registration.

The Registar's Office is investigating the possibility of going to an on-line system for class registration. But Registrar June Garner says Westminster will have to wait a few more years for that. She says it will be at least three more years before the college goes to computerized, on-line registration system.

On Monday more than 600 students registered.

Meanwhile, Wedensday's round of registration was plagued by a computer glitch on the Titan computer network which shutdown the Web Advisor and Web Student system.

Students and faculty use the systems to check to see which classes remain open and which are closed.

Eichenauer pipe dreams

by Matt Snyder
Staff Writer

On Sunday night, at roughly 3:00 am, the fire alarms went off in Eichenauer Hall, according to Residence Hall Director John Resto.

Anxieties were raised when a group of RA's coming down the stairwell heard the rushing of water through the sprinkler pipes.

There had been no drill planned, and it was later assumed that the alarm was due to tampering with valves for the sprinkler lines located in Eichenauer's stairwells.

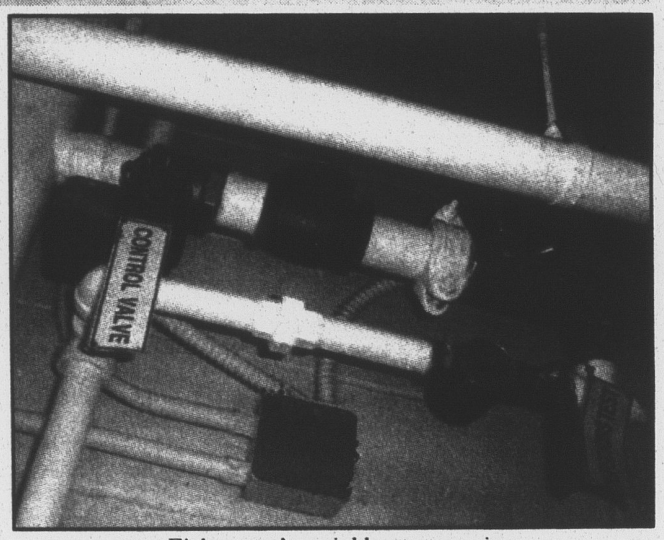
Tampering may have caused a sudden low-pressure in the pipe, which fooled the fire alarms into thinking a sprinkler was going off when it was not, triggering the alarm.

With students evacuated, the residence staff checked beneath doors for water rushing out of any of the rooms, finding none. No students have reported water damage, and so it has been determined that no sprinklers had actually gone off.

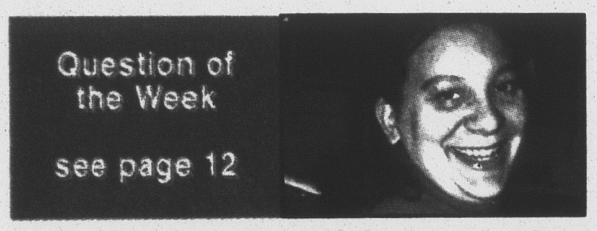
"It is a criminal act if you were to get one of those sprinkler systems going," John Resto says. "We were told it could be considered a federal offense since you're tampering with the safety of the students."

Resto also says that if an offending student sets off the sprinklers, then he will be held responsible for resulting water damage, rather than the college.

Since so much water is emitted from the sprinklers for such a long time, it is likely that several rooms could be damaged in one incident, making liability for accidentally setting the system off all the more costly.



Eichenauer's sprinkler system pipes.



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Public relations majors win prestigious awards

by Melissa Logan
Senior Staff Writer

Senior public relations major Sara Ialongo walked the red carpet last night at the annual Pittsburgh Public Relations Society of America Renaissance Awards held at Loews Waterfront Theater. During the black tie affair, Ialongo was presented with a $1,000 scholarship.

"I understand that there were several competitive applicants, so I feel honored to be chosen for this award," Ialongo said.

The Renaissance Award recognizes the outstanding Western Pennsylvania undergraduate student in public relations for 2003 and is based on academic achievements, extracurricular involvements, letters of endorsement, and essay responses. Ialongo was chosen from 113 applicants, two others, from the Pittsburgh area.

"I've taught Sara in a number of courses. I have also worked with her personally and I certainly can see why the PRSA chose her as the student of the year," Dr. Prestien, assistant professor of English and public relations.

Junior Mary Huebert said, "It says a lot for our PRSSA chapter and the Westminster PR department to have one of our students earn such a prestigious award."

Ialongo serves Westminster through a number of organizations. She serves as President of Zeta Tau Alpha and was chosen ZTA's "Outstanding Junior Woman" in March 2003. She is a four-year lettermen in cross country, having served as team captain her junior and senior years. Ialongo is a member of the Public Relations Student Society of America and is currently the organization's vice president. She also writes weekly articles for the Holcad.

Ialongo has held three public relations internships including Magnet Communications in Pittsburgh, Lawrence County Social Service, Inc., and St. Francis Hospital.

"I am honored to have worked with Sara this summer at Magnet," said Westminster alumna Lindsay Bream. "I don't know of anyone more deserving of this award. That's why I strongly endorsed her application."

This is the third time Westminster has been honored with the Renaissance Award in the last four years.

"We are proud of our students," said Dr. Mitchell, assistant professor of English and public relations. "This is a very competitive field, and a coup to win two years in a row."

Ialongo plans to stay local after graduation. "Most importantly I want to find a job that I love. Ultimately, it would be great to work in PR for the fashion industry," she said.

by Christy Sitter
Campus Writer

Senior Melissa Logan returned from the Public Relations Student Society of America National Conference in New Orleans with the prestigious Betsy Plank/PRSSA Scholarship.

Every year, two representatives have been sent to the National Conference from PRSSA, and the advisor for the Westminster College chapter attends the PRSSA conference.

Logan was presented with the Betsy Plank/PRSSA Scholarship at the "Jazz of Fame" awards ceremony and dinner on Monday, October 27. Melissa said that the cash award of $1,500 would be put to good use in paying for tuition.

"It was so exciting because I had absolutely no idea that I was going to get this award," said Logan. "I was just sitting there eating and they called my name. I was very confused and excited."

Those eligible for the award are PRSSA students in an undergraduate public relations study who are in their junior year or the beginning of their senior year.

"I am very proud that Melissa received national recognition. This award not only confirms Melissa's abilities as a student and a leader, but also is a reflection of the excellent academic standards Westminster upholds," said Visiting Lecturer of Public Relations, Delores Natale.

The criteria that judges used to determine the winners of the scholarship are based on four main points. First, academic achievement in public relations and overall studies is considered. The student must also demonstrate leadership qualities. Next, practical experience such as internships or other jobs are taken into consideration. Finally, the student's commitment to public relations, particularly as expressed in the candidate's statement will determine the most eligible applicant.

Melissa Logan participates in many campus activities and has held several leadership roles, displaying she is a worthy recipient of this award. Melissa has served as President of PRSSA, Editor of The Argo, senior staff writer of The Holcad, and Campus Programming Committee Publicity Chair. Logan gained work experience during her internship at Celebrity Series Office, and at Latrobe Area Hospital.

"Being recognized by my professors is nice, but being recognized nationally really makes me feel that all of my hard work paid off," Logan said.

photo by Megan Sigler

Sara Ialongo (left) and Melissa Logan (right) are making the PR department proud.

SGA works to honor Dr. Sharkey with library dedication

by Erin Gray
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association is working to dedicate the third floor of McGill Library to Dr. Eugene G. Sharkey.

Dr. Sharkey, who passed away July 10, 2003, was a professor of history. He had been a professor at Westminster since 1972.

A proposal to do something in his memory was brought up during the first SGA meeting at the end of August. "We've been working on this since our very first meeting," SGA President Christine Atkins said.

SGA worked with its academics committee and the history department to come up with ideas for a memorial. The college's Board of Trustees approved the dedication in October.

Dr. Russell Martin, associate professor of history, commends the dedication effort. "Naming the top floor of McGill for Gene is the most appropriate honor I can imagine for someone so dedicated to students, learning, and books. I think he would be pleased by this particular tribute."

Students who had Sharkey are also happy with the plan. Junior Tom Oyer said, "I think it's a good way of showing Dr. Sharkey's impact as a teacher."

The dedication will include a plaque in Sharkey's memory, which will read: "This area of the library has been dedicated by the students in memory of Dr. Eugene Sharkey for his 31 years of service to the college and students."

The plaque will be placed on the top floor of McGill Library, where the history section is located.

Atkins stated that SGA originally planned to have a bust of Sharkey engraved on the plaque, but had to abandon the idea because of high cost. With the bust, the price of the plaque would have reached around $2,000. "We are looking into donating his favorite books or books that he has published in memory of him instead," said Atkins.

Sharkey was the author of the book When Titans Truly Were, Westminster College and the Second World War.

Atkins is still working on the plaque's design, which will need to be approved by William Birkhead, vice president of finance and management service. The plaque will then be ordered by physical plant.

The SGA plans to have the plaque ordered by the end of this semester and hopes to have a dedication ceremony in the spring.

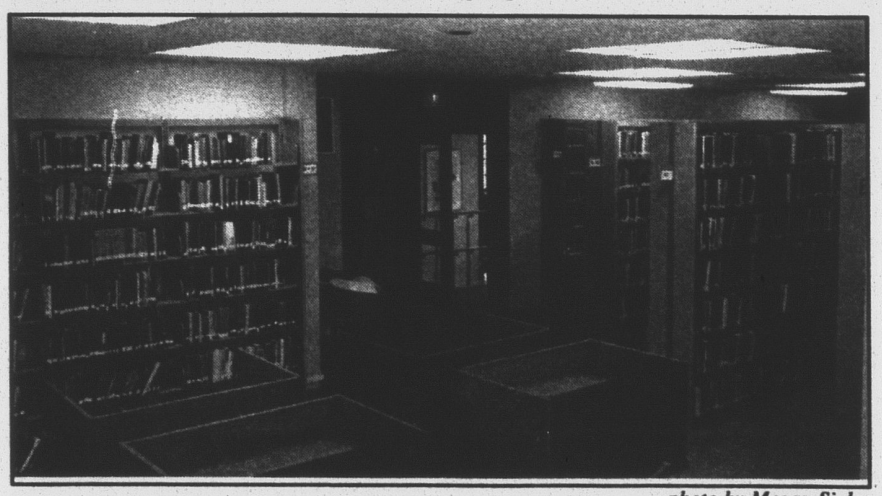


photo by Megan Sigler

The third floor of McGill library could be named for Dr. Sharkey.

New store in town offers wide literary variety

by Amanda McFadden
Campus Writer

Market Street is sporting a new store front. Ocean's Book Treasury has been open for business since May.

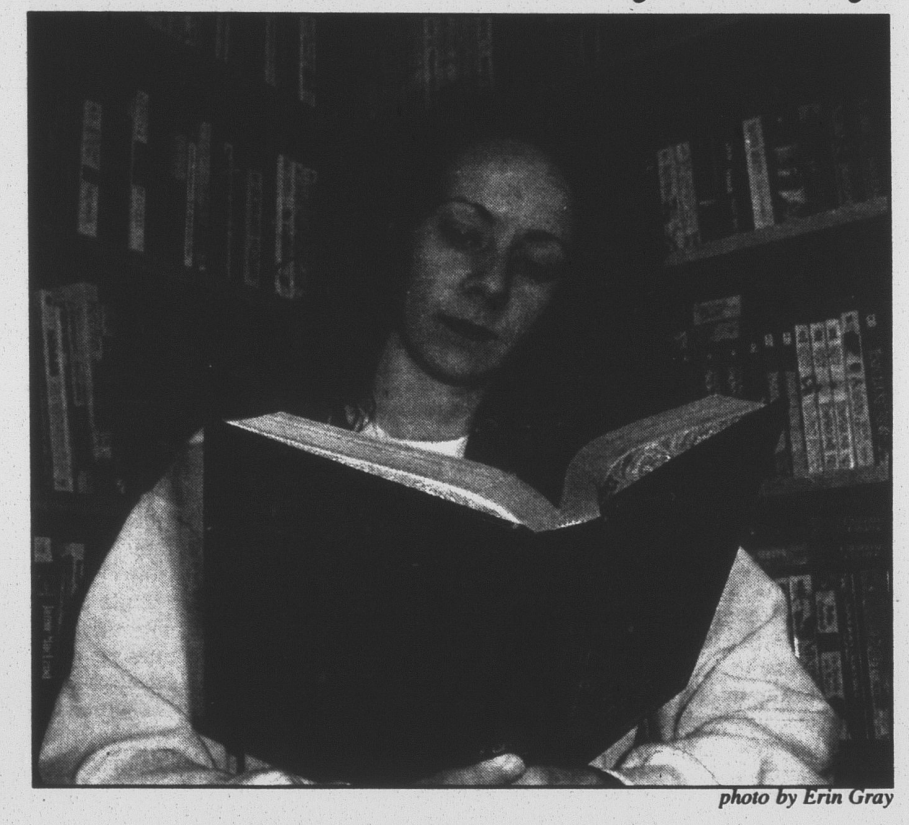
The Book Treasury has all of the selection of a corporate bookstore, with all the connivance of a walk into town. As a bonus, students get 10 percent off with their ID. "With all the bargains, I can go there and get all the books I will need," Sophomore Katie Winkler said.

Lauri Shaner explained that she gets most of her stock over the internet from library close-outs. People also bring in their old books to sell at 10 percent of the cover price.

The store boasts a colorful children's section, a shelf devoted to Oprah's book club, and a nautical theme (hence the store's name). "The idea came from living in North Carolina," Shaner said.

With the holidays sneaking up, students can stroll over to the Ocean's Book Treasury and stock up on affordable presents, or just pick up a little something for themselves. "It's about time we got an affordable bookstore so close," said sophomore elementary education major and avid reader, Jessica Robinson.

Ocean's Book Treasury is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.



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Books galore at Lauri Shaner's (above) Ocean Book Treasury.

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Students react to upcoming 2004 presidential election

by Jennifer Rowe
Campus Writer

With the 2004 presidential election creeping closer, one can't help but notice the numerous signs and campaigning tactics for various candidates appearing around campus. Not to mention the weekly article in the Holcad, "No Heart vs. Bleeding Heart" where resident conservative, Jessica Rummel and resident liberal, Richard Marmura voice there opinions on a variety of topics.

Now, with all this campaigning and information circulating Westminster's campus, how much of it really sinks into the already academically filled minds of the students who attend? And does the extensive campaigning sway their voting decisions?

"I don't think the signs sway my opinion. But for people who don't know about politics they will," said sophomore Nawal Rajeh.

Several candidates are fighting for the Democratic nomination. The frontrunner in the Democratic race is Howard Dean. Other Democratic candidates are: John Kerry, Wesley Clark, Dick Gephardt, John Edwards, Carol Moseley Braun, Al Sharpton, Joe Lieberman, and Dennis Kucinich. The Republican candidate is of course, George W. Bush.

A poll was taken of 38 students, asking if they know any specifics about the election, and if they were to vote, what party would they vote for. Twenty-three percent of the students said they knew specifics about the candidates and the upcoming election; which means that 77 percent of the 52 surveyed students said they knew nothing about the upcoming election and the candidates involved.

Also, the survey indicated that 35 percent of the students would vote republican and 49 percent would choose democrat. Sixteen percent of the students did not care one way or another.

Will those 32 students who chose a specific party stick to that decision? Or rather be swayed to choose candidates based on certain issues that are of importance to them.

"I think people are going to switch party lines during this election. It is going to be more about the issues, like the war," Rajeh said.

On the other hand, hardcore democrats and republicans may stay set in their ways and continue to support either side.

"If you are a registered voter, chances are you know what issues each side stands for. If you are a democrat, you'll vote democrat. If you're a republican, you'll vote republican," junior Nicole Danner said.

As the Presidential election draws closer, students interests may spark, and, as a whole, become more aware of the candidates and the issues involved.

"It's about time this campus showed interest in something. Normally students are just apathetic," senior Matthew Boccardi said.

So to those campaigners, t-shirt sellers, and sign makers: keep it up. Your voice is being heard and your efforts are making a difference in educating Westminster's campus.

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Student Government Association

by Erin Halpin
Contributing Writer

Our Student Satisfaction Survey is coming out this week. This is your chance to let us know what you think about your SGA. We really want to improve things on campus for you, so let us know what you want! Students who respond to the survey will be entered into a drawing, and the prizes will be awarded on December 4th.

We will be having a campus Christmas Party on December 4th from 4-7pm in the Campus Center. There will be music, food, games, and prizes. The students entered in the drawing from the Student Satisfaction Survey will receive their prizes at this party. The Campus Center will be decorated for the holidays, so make sure you stop in and share in the holiday spirit!

The College Bowl is scheduled for November 22nd. Make sure you sign up with some friends. You don't have to be a genius to enter. College Bowl is a lot of fun, so don't miss out! There will be free food for all and cash prizes for the winners.

We have elected a new Junior Senator this week. Congratulations to Maggie Muir!

That is all for this week. You are welcome to attend our next meeting, Wednesday, November 19th at 7pm in the McKelvey Theater.

Or contact us at sga@westminster.edu. Have a great weekend!

AROUND THE GLOBE

Dayton resident sentenced to life for murder

TROY, Ohio (AP) A former Dayton area resident has been convicted of killing an acquaintance near this western Ohio town more than 30 years ago.

A Montgomery County Common Pleas Court jury deliberated about seven hours Thursday and Friday before returning the guilty verdict against Scott Harding Stringham, who lived in Oklahoma City from 1979 until his arrest 21/2 years ago.

Stringham, 53, was immediately sentenced to life in prison with no parole eligibility for 20 years, as required by the law in 1970.

A jury convicted him of murder in March 2002, but the Ohio 2nd District Court of Appeals this year sent the case back for a new trial. The court said Judge Robert Lindeman should not have barred a defense witness from testifying about the concept of false confessions.

Prosecutors said Stringham shot Cecil Wayne Martin, 20, four times in the head and back in November 1970 and dumped his body in eastern Miami County. The partially submerged body was found in a creek.

Martin and Stringham lived in the Dayton area at the time of the killing.

Martin's family said they never heard of Stringham until 2001, shortly after sheriff's investigators renewed the investigation.

Child witnesses have more options

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) Getting voters to approve a pair of constitutional amendments designed to let children testify outside court was the easy part. Both measures passed overwhelmingly last Tuesday.

The next phase, pushing a law through the Legislature to establish rules for such testimony, should not be too difficult, either.

Its prime backer, Senate Judiciary Chairman Stewart J. Greenleaf, plans to introduce a bill when the General Assembly reconvenes Nov. 17 that will allow testimony outside open court by both victims and witnesses younger than 14 if the judge determines that having to testify in court would severely traumatize the child.

Left to the discretion of trial judges will be the nuts-and-bolts mechanics, a set of choices that has resulted in a wide array of methods among the dozens of other states that already have special measures for testimony by children too scared or intimidated to face the defendant.

"I think it's a mistake for us to try to legislate every anticipated factor," said Greenleaf, R-Montgomery, who has pushed for the child-testimony rules since the early 1980s.

The controlling legal authority is a 1990 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Maryland v. Craig, a 5-4 decision that determined it was proper for a 6-year-old victim to testify by closed-circuit television in the case of a woman, the operator of a preschool and kindergarten, accused of sexually abusing the child.

In spite of how they ruled, the majority acknowledged arguments that face-to-face questioning can ``confound and undo the false accuser'' and that it is sometimes easier to lie behind someone's back than in front of them.

And in the dissenting opinion, Justice Antonin Scalia wrote: "To say that a defendant loses his right to confront a witness when that would cause the witness not to testify is rather like saying that the defendant loses his right to counsel when counsel would save him, or his right to subpoena witnesses when they would exculpate him, or his right not to give testimony against himself when that would prove him guilty."

Greenleaf disputes Scalia's premise that such handling of child witnesses amounts to denying defendants the right to confront witnesses.

"It's just the method of how it's accomplished. The circumstances are, I guess the word is, controlled by the court," Greenleaf said.

Setting aside videotape or "barrier" methods involving screens or one-way glass, the use of closed-circuit testimony alone has generated a variety of approaches among the 33 states that allowed it as of September 2002, according to a survey by the National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse.

There are differing rules about who can be in the room with the child, about which circumstances justify the use of closed-circuit testimony, and about limiting it to child-abuse cases or using it in any criminal trial.

Some states say only the victims, not other types of child witnesses, may testify outside the courtroom. Iowa and South Dakota extend the law to cover retarded people. Idaho judges are required to tell jurors that they should not draw conclusions based on its use.

Illinois, Maryland, Washington and Georgia say their child-testimony rules are canceled when a defendant acts as his or her own lawyer.

As for the age threshold, Greenleaf's proposal of 13 and younger falls midway between the low of 9 years old in Washington State to a high of 17, in place in five states.

Judges across Pennsylvania will soon be faced with setting up workable systems that don't violate the rights of the criminal defendants before them.

Defense attorneys and the appeals courts will be looking over their shoulders.

Voters to give anti-human rights dictator new chance

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) Guatemala, still struggling to overcome 36 years of civil war, has endured months of election-related violence and faces the possibility of more as voters decide this weekend whether to give a former dictator accused of human rights abuses another chance to run the country.

Gen. Efrain Rios Montt is a distant third in the polls, but many fear he and his supporters will refuse to accept defeat in Sunday's presidential vote. Thousands of people attacked journalists and brought the city to a standstill in July, when it appeared court officials were prepared to block Rios Montt's candidacy because he seized power in a 1982 coup.

Amnesty International released a report Friday warning of violent uprisings Sunday.

"The violence could seriously distort the electoral process and the legitimacy of its outcome," the report said. It cited at least 21 election-related killings and 46 threats against journalists.

Late Friday, government officials said they were doing everything possible to keep the peace.

"We won't allow national or foreign citizens to interfere with the election," Vice President Francisco Reyes said.

Guatemala's 1985 constitution forbids coup leaders from seeking the presidency, but the Supreme Court, packed with Rios Montt's supporters, cleared the way for the 77-year-old to run.

It is unlikely Sunday's vote will determine the next leader. One candidate must receive more than 50 percent of the vote to win the election outright, or a runoff will be held Dec. 28 between the top two vote-getters.

Former Guatemala City Mayor Oscar Berger and center-left candidate Alvaro Colom of the National Union of Hope party are running in a dead heat, with roughly a third of the votes each, according to recent polls.

Rios Montt is far behind, with 11.3 percent, according to a newspaper poll published Wednesday that had a margin of error of 5 percentage points.

President Alfonso Portillo, a member of Rios Montt's Guatemalan Republican Front party, is barred from seeking reelection because Guatemala's 1985 constitution only allows presidents to serve one four-year term.

In an interview Friday with journalists, Berger said he was looking for alliances that would help him win a second round, but he refused to give details. His candidacy already is supported by an alliance of three parties.

Backed by his former paramilitary fighters, accused of helping soldiers burn down villages and kill civilians during the country's 1960-1996 civil war, Rios Montt is making a final attempt at the presidency. Many see his candidacy as a setback to Guatemala's fragile, seven-year recovery from the war.

The idea of a former dictator trying his hand at democracy is nothing new in Latin America. Daniel Ortega toppled Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza and ruled for 11 years but then lost three election bids. Hugo Banzer of Bolivia ran the government as a military dictator in the 1970s, then was democratically elected president in 1997.

The United States, which backed Rios Montt during his dictatorship, has expressed concern about his candidacy.

"In light of Mr. Rios Montt's background, it would be difficult for the United States to have the kind of relationship with Guatemala that we would ideally prefer if he were in charge," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Friday in Washington.

Rios Montt has shown no signs of backing down, saying pre-election polls are wrong and a tool of business leaders.

More than 2,000 electoral observers will be stationed throughout the Central American country of 11.2 million people to prevent violence and ensure fair voting.

Ballots have been encrypted with a special code to keep them from being swapped, and the vehicles carrying them to the polls have been outfitted with satellite tracking systems to make sure no unscheduled stops are made along the way.

Still, many worry there will be mass protests if Rios Montt loses. Former paramilitary fighters already have blocked highways and kidnapped journalists to push the government to pay them for their help during the war.

The army has ordered soldiers to help keep the peace on Sunday.

"We are really afraid because of everything that has happened," said Amelia Villela, a 32-year-old school teacher attending a Colom rally on Thursday.

The main issues facing voters, who also will choose lawmakers, local officials and members of Central America's Parliament, are rampant crime, corruption, human rights abuses and a sluggish economy.

Human rights groups in Guatemala and Spain have accused Rios Montt's former government of carrying out massacres and killing civilians, including the 1981 arson of the Spanish Embassy in Guatemala City in which 37 people died. Officials in both countries are investigating the charges.

Rios Montt makes no apologies for his past leadership. A presidential win would extend his immunity from prosecution, which will expire when his term as senator and president of Congress ends in January.

Yet the former evangelical minister often preaches love and understanding during his political rallies.

—National Briefs

Road rage killing

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) Police on Sunday were looking for two men who allegedly shot and killed a Marine recruiter because he cut them off at a gas station.

Master Sgt. Kenneth Johnson, 37, of Harvey, suffered a gunshot wound to the chest and later died at Earl K. Long Medical Center on Saturday, Baton Rouge Police spokesman Capt. Sam Miceli said.

Johnson, who worked out of the recruitment office in New Orleans, was visiting family in Baton Rouge, Miceli said.

He and his brother stopped at a gas station at about 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Miceli said. As Johnson pulled into the parking lot, two men in a car who were backing out accused him of cutting them off, Miceli said.

All four men got out and argued, Miceli said. He said the two suspects were carrying semiautomatic handguns and shot Johnson. The suspects, described as being in their early 20s, drove off.

Rock climber found dead

SOUTHINGTON, Conn. (AP) An experienced rock climber was found dead in his harness Sunday morning near the bottom of a 100-foot-high cliff.

Darin Findley, 28, of Farmington, was found by a hiker shortly before 10 a.m. Police and firefighters said his body was in a safety harness hanging about 18 feet from the ground on the northeast side of Ragged Mountain, a popular climbing area.

The chief medical examiner's office was expected to perform an autopsy Monday to determine the cause of death.

Police said Findley's death appeared to be an accident. No foul play was suspected.

Findley reportedly had nine years of climbing experience and taught other climbers.

Soldiers arrested for murder

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) Three Fort Benning soldiers have been arrested in the death of a man whose skeletal remains were discovered in a wooded area.

Douglas Woodcoff, 24; Mario Navarrette, 24; and Jacob Burgoyne, 24 were arrested late Friday and charged in the death.

The man's identity was being withheld until authorities could reach family members, said Muscogee County Coroner James Dunnavant. He is believed to be a soldier in his 20s. The cause of death was still being determined.

Fort Benning's Criminal Investigations Division on Friday discovered the bones beneath a clutter of wooden boards and leaves along Milgen Road.

Authorities say the victim appeared to have been killed near the wooded area and had been dead for at least a month.

Man turns himself in then runs for it

DERBY, Conn. (AP) A man facing arrest decided to turn himself into authorities, but then changed his mind, police said.

Police are looking for Leon Cheeseboro, 38, again.

When officers told him there was a high cash-only bond on the charges he faced, Cheeseboro bolted from the station in bare feet, police said.

He faces a slew of charges, including third-degree assault, breach of peace, interfering with arrest, first-degree criminal trespass, violating probation and violating a protective order.

The state police helicopter and several police departments searched for Cheeseboro, but he wasn't found.

He is described as black with reddish hair, about 5-foot-8, and weighing around 210 pounds.

—Regional Briefs

Man killed while celebrating friend's life

PITTSBURGH (AP) A 20-year-old man died after being shot in the head while attending a party celebrating the life of a slain friend, police said.

Marcus Sewell was shot early Saturday while attending the party in a Pittsburgh row house to honor the life of Ronald Holland, 19, who was shot to death Sept. 9 in a van. Sewell died at Allegheny General Hospital.

"The tragedy is that both homicides are unsolved and there were friends, who either know who did it or saw it, who aren't talking," Pittsburgh police Cmdr. Maurita Bryant said.

About 20 people attended the party.

The Allegheny County coroner's office reported that Sewell got into a fight because another partygoer wore the same clothing, but police say they have no such report and don't know the motive for the shooting.

Mythic dog deteriorating

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP) A cast-iron statue of a dog that has a history steeped in urban lore is deteriorating so fast it may not last through another winter, historians said.

Morley's Dog, a 1,000-pound statue, was swept from the front of James Morley's mansion during the 1889 Johnstown Flood.

Since it was found amid the jumbled debris at Johnstown's Stone Bridge, a site of extensive carnage, there has been an eerie fascination with the statue that is now fenced off to deter vandals.

Myths about the statue's mystic power at noon drew children to it in years past, believing they would hear it bark when the whistle blew at the Cambria Iron Co.

Actor Paul Newman, the star of the cult classic film ``Slap Shot,'' said in one scene that the dog saved someone's life during the flood.

An expert from the National Park Service is being called in to examine the statue to determine if it can be moved inside a museum without worsening cracks and other damage.

Erie bomber still at large

ERIE, Pa. (AP) The task force investigating the death of a man who robbed a bank with a bomb clasped around his neck recently visited the FBI lab in Quantico, Va., to review details of the 10-week-old case.

The FBI is offering a $50,000 reward for information that leads to the person responsible for the death of Brian Wells, 46. The case now tops the bureau's Web page listing its Most Wanted criminals.

"A lot of forensic exams are being conducted on a lot of different pieces of evidence," said Special Agent Bob Rudge, who heads the Erie FBI office. "It was really a desire for all agencies to go down and get a firsthand look at what's being done with the evidence."

Wells was killed when the bomb detonated shortly after he robbed a PNC bank near Erie on Aug. 28.

The FBI has released sketches of two men wanted for questioning in the case but have released few details about progress in the investigation.

Firefighters' contract rejected

PITTSBURGH (AP) The city rejected the latest offer of concessions from firefighters, saying the request for a five-year contract extension was not acceptable.

Mayor Tom Murphy had hoped to come to an agreement that would have merged the Fire and Emergency Medical Services bureaus to save an estimated $15 million.

It now appears Murphy will make his 2004 budget address on Monday without a deal. Murphy has projected an $80 million budget gap for next year.

—Digital 88.9 Campus Briefs

Financial aid can't keep up

This week Wstminster College President Tom Williamson announced that tuition will probably go up next year. He is proposing a 4.3 percent tuition hike. For many students this is their third time they have had to deal with the tuition increase. Several are asking whether financial aid will increase to keep up with the cost of college? Westminster Financial Aid Director Bob Latta says no one will know until the budget comes out for next year. Latta says that students should get a head start on applying for scholarships and financial aid as soon as possible. Latta tells us that you can submit your financial aid applications as early as January 1st.

President Tom Williamson says tuition will probably go up again next year—and the year after. Williamson broke the news during the all-campus meeting on Tuesday. He says the estimates right now show a possible tuition increase of 4.3% for next year—and a 4.9% for the following. The college board of trustees must first approve any tuition hike. The president says the increases are necessary to cover increased operational costs and to balance budgets.

Play tackles controversial topic

Theater Westminster's cast for the Laramie project staged protests between pretend pro and anti-gay groups at the courthouse in New Castle this week as art imitates life. The cast of the upcoming Laramie Project shot video of recreated protests—based on the real events that took place in Wyoming after Mathew Shepard's death. That video will now become part of the stage production. Show director Scott Mackenzie says he doesn't think any real protestors will show for next week's shows begins on November 13th. But campus security officials tell Digital 88.9 News they will discuss making plans just in case. That decision comes because of recent, negative and anti-gay chalking appeared on campus sidewalks.

New AC for old buildings

President Williamson says part of Westminster's 5-year plan means upgrading buildings like Old Main and McGill Library. That plan calls for capital improvements that would cover replacing the wiring in old main—those improvements would also include air conditioning for both buildings. However, those projects would not be paid for from tuition. Williamson says college fund raising campaigns pay for capital improvements.

Administration wants to increase student body size

President Williamson says the new five year plan for Westminster calls for increasing the size of the student body. Williamson says the administration has a goal of increasing the number of students at Westminster from the current number of 1400 to 1450.

Local counselor murdered

State police say two teenage boys now face charges for the Monday morning murder of a counselor at George Junior juvenile center in Grove City. 17-year-old Anthony Machicote and 16-year-old Jeremy Melvin are now in the Mercer County Jail after they were arraigned on a list of charges including homicide. The teens are accused of killing 43 year old Wayne Urey Junior and then stealing his truck. Police say Urey was beaten and strangled.

Hepatitis A outbreak update

The number of confirmed cases of Hepatitis A connect to the Chi Chi's restaurant at the Beaver Valley Mall has now grown to 300! State Health Department officials say at least one death has been connect to the outbreak. Meanwhile the free inoculation clinics has wrapped up. More than 8,000 people show up to get the vaccine. Officials with the restaurant chain are expected to have a news conference this week. Lawyers for some of the people who came down with Hepatitis are also expected to file lawsuits this week.

Student Health Center officials say they have not received any reports of students, faculty or staff being infected.

Meanwhile, state officials say more than 82-hundred people have been screened since last week. They believe the virus was spread by an employee who didn't wash his hands before handling food.

SPORTS

Second annual Titan Trot brings in 140 participants

by Sara Ialongo
Staff Writer

The second annual Titan Trot, a 5-K run, relay, and kid's run was another success this year as 140 students, children, faculty, and community members participated in the event on Nov. 8. The races started at the field house and continued along the cross country course and through campus.

The event attracted many avid runners such as members of the college cross country team including juniors Marcus Corvino, Felicie Reed and sophomore Jordan Hinds. Cornvino, a member of the cross country team, came in second place in the 20-24 age division with a time of 18:14.

"I enjoyed Titan Trot this year," Corvino said. "I was happy we had the weekend off so I could run in it. There were a lot of familiar faces out, so that was great."

The 5-K race was the first event followed by the relay teams and kid's run. In the relays, there were three categories: independents, fraternities, and sororities. The Phi Kappa Tau, Sigma Kappa, and the FUN team were all champions in their category. Also participating for the Greeks were Sigma Nu, with a second place finish, Kappa Delta and Alpha Gamma Delta, who finished second and third, respectively.

A pair of runners from Ellwood City captured the overall men's category with a first and second place finish. Jake Walker, 15, and Herb Cratty, 39, finished just ahead of the senior Sean Gallagher. Walker was the first male to finish with a time of 16:33.

"I had a fun time participating in this run," Walker said. "I never had the chance to run it before, so Herb and I decided we should do it for fun now that my cross country season is over."

Participants who registered for the event received a long-sleeved t-shirt and the proceeds benefit the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The top three overall men and women received a turkey courtesy of Sodexho Food Service.

The annual Titan Trot helps FCA to raise money so that guest speakers and athletes can be invited to campus. The race director was Tom Rapchalk, and the FCA advisor is Brad Tokar.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a non-profit organization ministering to "athletes and coaches and all whom they influence." The Westminster College chapter meets each Monday at 9 a.m. in the McKelvey Campus Center room 260. In addition to hearing from a number of prominent athletes, they support the New Castle City Rescue Mission, contribute to the United Way, and fund a scholarship to send students to summer camp.

photo by Johnny Johnston

Students, faculty, and community members took part in the second annual Titan Trot 5K race. Events included individual races, a children's fun run and a relay race.

Lady Titans soccer takes second straight PAC championship

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

The Westminster Lady Titans captured their second straight President's Athletic Conference championship with a 3-2 victory against the top-seeded Grove City Wolverines.

With the victory, the Lady Titans improved their season mark to 16-6, which ties last season's school record for victories in a year.

In the victory, several Westminster Lady Titans performed well.

Senior defender Michelle Chovan, who was playing the sweeper position specifically for Saturday's affair, posted two scores off of corner kicks, while playing brilliant defense, making several key stops and plays.

"It was a mission to play well," Chovan said. "I knew that I had to step up and take on this responsibility for the team."

Junior forward Angie DePascale posted an unassisted goal in the victory.

Junior midfielder earned two assists on the day, both coming on Chovan goals.

In net for the Titans, junior Nicole Drummond was forced to leave late in the first half when a collision with a Lady Wolverine resulted in injury.

Drummond was replaced by junior Laura Vollmer, who pitched a shutout in relief, giving up zero goals and making one save in goal.

Under the direction of second year head coach Girish Thakar, this is Westminster's second straight PAC championship.

However, perhaps most satisfying for the Lady Titans is the fact that the PAC crowning victory was earned against rival Grove City.

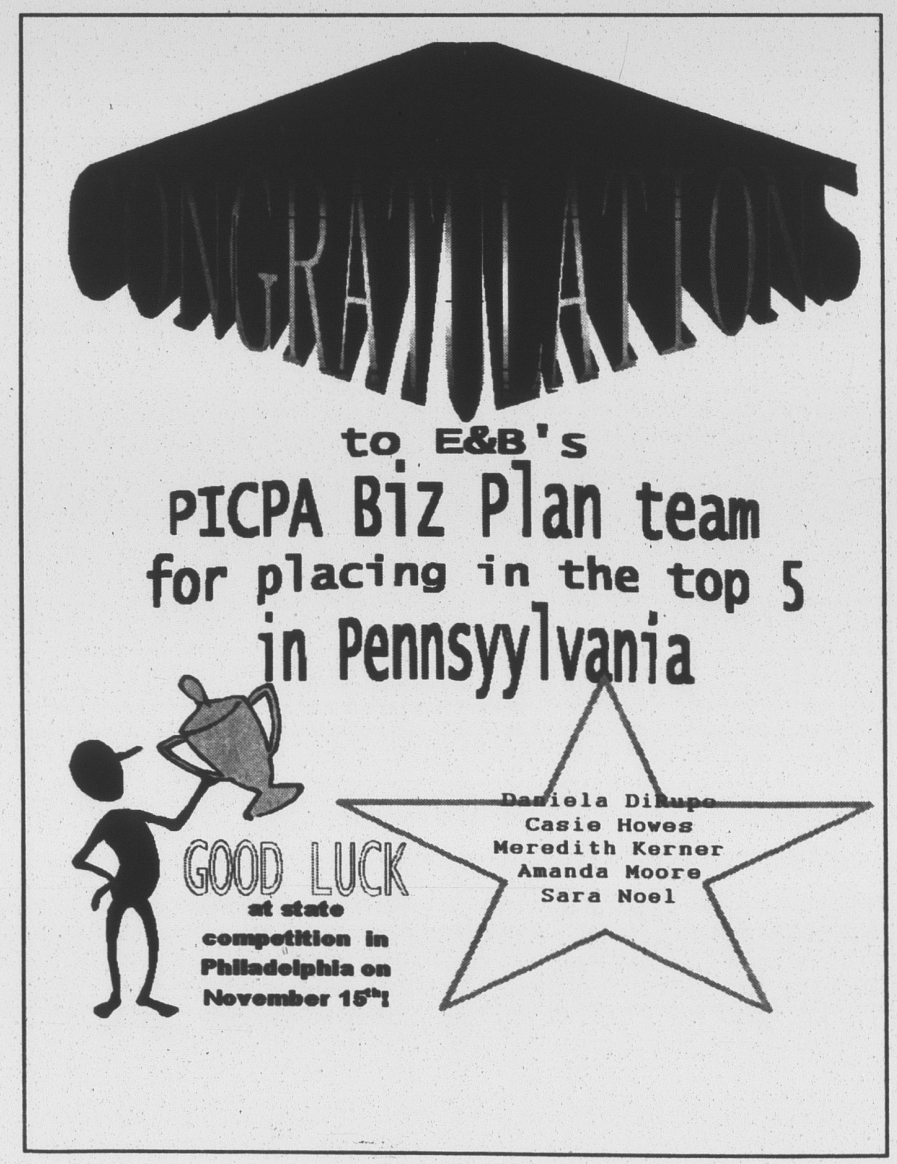
"We've always been rivals with Grove City and just knowing that this was going to be our (the seniors) last conference game, our last meeting with Grove City, and the PAC championship game, we all wanted it to be one to remember," Chovan said.

With the PAC crown, Westminster has been invited to play in the 2003 NCAA championships, doing so in valiant fashion.

Chovan feels that the Lady Titans put forth their finest effort of the season to earn the NCAA bid: "We all played the best game of our season and we won that game not only physically, but emotionally as well."

The Lady Titans will face a familiar opponent when the face the Frostburg State Bobcats. The game is a rematch of last year's first round match, won by the Lady Titans by the count of 4-1.

The winner of the game will advance to face the University of Scranton over the weekend of November 14th-16th at the NCAA Regionals.



Sports shorts

Athletic honors

A trio of Westminster College student-athletes have been honored as members of the Academic All-District II College Division teams for football and volleyball, respectively. In football, senior offensive tackle Jim Chaney (Hubbard, OH/Hubbard H.S.) was a first team selection, while junior cornerback Clint DeLuca (Beaver Falls/Blackhawk H.S.) was tabbed to the second team. In addition, Lady Titan senior Diana Barnes (Twinsburg, OH/Twinsburg H.S.) was selected to the volleyball second team. The teams were announced by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Chaney is in his first year as the starting left tackle for the Titans (5-4, 3-1 PAC) after playing defensive end the previous two seasons. A two-year team captain, he has led a Westminster offensive line which has contributed to several school single-game offensive records this season. In the classroom, Chaney possesses a 3.842 cumulative grade-point average (GPA) majoring in history. As a first team selection, Chaney now advances to the Academic All-America national ballot, with the Academic All-America College Division football teams scheduled to be announced on Dec. 1.

DeLuca is a two-year starter in the Titan secondary and has posted 55 total tackles (34 solo, 21 assisted) along with five pass breakups and one interception for Westminster in 2003. He currently holds a 3.631 cumulative GPA majoring in biology.

Barnes, an All-Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) first team selection for Westminster (12-21, 5-5 PAC) in 2003, posted a team-high 345 kills and 51 service aces, while also adding 322 digs and 82 total blocks (both second on team). A two-time Academic All-District pick in volleyball and a 2003 Academic-All-America in track & field, Barnes holds a 3.878 cumulative GPA majoring in psychology.

The District II College Division consists of all non-NCAA Division I four-year colleges and universities in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Women's Soccer

The Westminster College women's soccer team saw its 2003 season come to an end at 16-7 overall today in Frostburg, Md., as the Lady Titans suffered a 3-2 setback at Frostburg State University (16-4) in a first round game of the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Championship Tournament.

FSU now advances to face the University of Scranton (20-0-1) at an NCAA Regional this weekend (Nov. 14-16). The victory by Frostburg State avenged a 4-1 loss to Westminster in New Wilmington during the 2002 NCAA Tournament First Round.

Westminster opened the scoring at the 20:29 mark, as junior forward Angie Depascale (Warren, OH/Howland H.S.) (photo attached) headed in a cross by freshman forward Christa Andamasaris (Warren, OH/Champion H.S.) for a 1-0 lead. FSU scored less than five minutes later to make the score 1-1 at the half, then the Bobcats took a 2-1 lead seven minutes into the second half. The Lady Titans rallied to knot the game at 2-2 in the 67th minute, as DePascale scored her second goal of the game,against assisted by Andamasaris on a cross. That held up until 2:05 left in the game, when Rebecca Rambo of FSU scored on a solo run to give the Bobcats the win.

The game saw Frostburg hold an 18-14 advantage in shots, while Westminster maintained a 4-2 edge in corner kicks. Junior Laura Vollmer (Butler/Butler H.S.) went the distance in goal for the Lady Titans, making six saves in the defeat.

The 16 wins by the 2003 Lady Titan soccer team tied the school-record for most wins in the season, originally set last season (16-6-2).

Men's Soccer

The Westminster College men's soccer team placed eight players on the 2003 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) All-Conference teams, released today. The Titans, who finished 9-10-2 overall and 6-2-2 and in third place in the six-team PAC, had one first team and five second team selections, as well as a pair of honorable mention picks.

Leading the way was the team's lone first team pick, senior forward Matt Roser (Kingwood, TX/Kingwood H.S.). Roser became the program's all-time leader in goals and points this season, as he led the team with eight goals and four assists for 20 points in 2003.

Earning second team laurels were senior goalkeeper Kevin Humberston (North Versailles/East Allegheny H.S.), senior defender Brian Glass (Venetia/Peters Township H.S.), junior defender Christian Davoli (Enon, OH/Greenon H.S.), junior midfielder Sebastian Driver-Salazar (Bethesda, MD/Walter Johnson H.S.), and senior forward Todd Fisher (Grove City, PA/Grove City H.S.). Humberston started all 21 games, posting a 1.42 goals-against average with 110 saves and five shutouts. Glass and Davoli keyed the Titan defensive unit, with Glass adding a goal for two points and Davoli adding an assist for one point. Driver-Salazar led the team in assists with five, while adding four goals for 13 points. Fisher was second on the team in goals (six) and points (14) with two assists.

Earning honorable mention recognition was senior defender Nick White (McMurray/Peters Township H.S.) and freshman defender Todd Atwood (Colleyville, TX/Colleyville Heritage H.S.).

Calendar of Events

Friday, November 14

11:40 am Chapel
6:30 pm Zeta Tau Alpha Social — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
7:30 pm Theatre Westminster Presents The Laramie Project – Beeghly Theater
7:30 pm "Young Conductors Concert" featuring theWestminster Wind Ensemble – Orr
8:00 pm CPC Presents Mike Super (magician) – MCC Club

Saturday, November 15

7:30 am PRAXIS National Teacher Exams – PH 112
1:30 pm Football @ Waynesburg
2:00 pm Alumni Swim Meet
2:30 pm Theatre Westminster Presents The Laramie Project – Beeghly Theater
Cross Country @ NCAA Regionals (Dickinson)
7:00 pm Mass
7:30 pm Theatre Westminster Presents The Laramie Project – Beeghly Theater

Sunday, November 16

2:30 pm Theatre Westminster Presents The Laramie Project – Beeghly Theater
3:00 pm Student Recital: Rachel Lange, mezzo-soprano — Chapel
6:15 pm IFC Meeting
7:00 pm Vespers
8:30 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – PH 311/312
8:30 pm Kappa Delta Meeting – MCC Witherspoon
9:00 pm Movie – MCC 219

Monday, November 17

11:40 am Chapel
5:15 pm Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
7:30 pm Organ Recital Series: Richard Konzen, Organist – Chapel
9:00 pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting — MCC 352
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Berlin Student Lounge

Tuesday, November 18

4:00 pm Workshop/Panel Discussion on Community Relations Moderated by Matthew Mangino, Lawrence County District Attorney — MCC 219
5:00 pm Psych Club — Phillips Lecture Hall
5:30 pm SAA Meeting
6:30 pm Mock Convention Planning — MCC 255
7:00 pm International Film Festival: Battleship Potempkin (Russian) – MCC 219
7:00 pm Habitat for Humanity Meeting — MCC Winterspoon Maple
7:30 pm Opera Workshop Production: Hansel & Gretel – Orr Auditorium
7:30 pm Lawrence County "Meet the Judges" — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
8:30 pm Student Pre-Law Meeting – PH 231
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Berlin Student Lounge

Wednesday, November 19

11:30 am PRSSA Exec Meeting — MCC 352
11:40 am Faculty Forum: Scott Renninger, Topic TBA — MCC 219
11:45 am Black Student Union Meeting — MCC 255
4:30 pm Children's Literature Group — TC 315
5:30 pm PRSSA Meeting — PH 311
6:00 pm M&W Swimming vs. Grove City (H)
6:30 pm Biology Seminar — Phillips Lecture Hall
7:00 pm SGA Meeting – MCC 219
7:30 pm Opera Workshop Production: Hansel & Gretel – Orr Auditorium
9:30 pm Seekers Fellowship — MCC Witherspoon Maple

Thursday, November 20

12:30 pm LEAD Luncheon: Dr. David Guthrie, speaker — MCC Witherspoon Maple
6:00 pm College Republicans — TC 210
6:30 pm S.I.F.E. Meeting — MCC 255
7:00 pm Bleasby Colloquium – MCC 219
7:30 pm Sigma Kappa Recruitment Party — MCC
10:00 pm - 1:00 am Late Night — MCC Club and Berlin Student Lounge

OPINION

Rant and Rave

Are you finished'?
No, I'm Italian

Junior Block = No Life!

Blowing things up is entertaining, bu generally unlawful.

The school should open up its underground tunnels so we don't have to wear coats to class.

Team Serious is here.

Hate is not a Westminster value.

Novell BorderManager owns my soul.

Will we ever know what time it is in NcKelvey Campus Center?

They're not commercials, they're 15 second promos!

Can we get a mall Christmas tree for the campus center? And maybe a Santa Claus?

Why doesn't the faculty know where the student lounge is? I know where the faculty lounge is.

Q - What kind of key doesn't open a door?
A - A tur-key! Get it?

The winners are in Florida right now!

High School is High School, college is college. Lets understand the difference.

Does this pencil make me look fat?

I ranted, I raved, I triumphed!

Lets go find Nemo!

I heart having just one class on Fridays.

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinons.

Our View: Who's to blame?

Ah, there's nothing like Westminster in November. The time of year that brings the exciting rush of the heightening football season, the first snow flurries of the impending winter, the anticipation of Thanksgiving break, and the frightening fury of the student body rising up together in union to lash out against the injustices of registration and off-campus drawings. It seems that these days, everyone holds a grudge against the system and no one is ever completely satisfied.

So while June Garner and Molly Burnett are padlocking their office doors and permanently changing their identities in fear of the testosterone-charged, football-playing business major scheduled to take Premenstrual Women Writers of the 20th Century and of the angry senior female whose odds of experiencing divine intervention are better than her chances of getting an off-campus apartment, let's take a look at the real issue at hand.

This week's heated topic: registration.

Okay, so it is true that it is harder to get into an art class here than it is to find a Browne parking spot. But is that because the Registrar has an evil conspiracy against you and everything that is good in the world of scheduling (i.e. any class involving clay or cameras)? No. June Garner doesn't even know you. And she doesn't care what you are capable of doing with clay. Come to think of it, we don't care what you can do with clay either, or really even want to know, for that matter. But that's beside the point.

June Garner and Molly Burnett are padlocking their office doors and changing their identities...

What we need to realize is who is really to blame in this matter. So before you start threatening the lives of nice ladies in the Registration office who send us happy pictures with scheduling updates each week, keep reading.

In the very near future, the administration is planning on cutting the number of hours professors are allowed to teach each semester. So what does that means for us? Brace yourself loyal reader. For not only will the coveted Black and White Photography class be harder to get into (as if we thought that could be possible), but our infamous small class sizes that make us "a name and not a number" that we pay $26,000 a year for will be increasing as well. Oh wait, our apologies. We will not be paying $26,000 a year. Silly us. According to the President, our tuition will be steadily increasing over the next three years. And according to this same president, our administration also has plans to begin miraculously increasing the size of our student body at the same time! So, in sum, we will be paying even larger amounts of money! For larger classes! That are impossible to get into! And since we are in a middle of a hiring freeze as well, we will have less professors to teach these large classes that we will not be able to take in the first place!

Now we are not math majors here at the Holcad, but something about that just doesn't seem right. Any explanations this time around, fair mother Westminster?

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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editor,

I feel as if I have been misled. The Diversity Symposium that took place on October 30, 2003 entitled Religion and Homosexuality: What's happening in our churches? did not actually cover what is happening in our churches. When I first saw the sign advertising the symposium, I thought I would get to hear different ideas as to what churches should do in response to the religious issues that arise because of homosexuality. I came to this conclusion because this is really what is happening in our churches. People are debating what their church and denomination should do. However, that is not what happened at the Diversity Symposium. All I heard was three people representing three different Protestant denominations supporting the same side of the argument three times. For the symposium to have accurately displayed "what is happening in our churches" there should have been persons there to represent the other side of the debate. After all, it is rather difficult to have a debate between three people that agree with each other. I would have to say the Diversity Symposium did an excellent job in presenting only the diverse/minority view. However, the title of the symposium led me to believe that it would try to show the entire argument. Maybe a more correct title for the Diversity Symposium could have been: Religion and Homosexuality: One side of the Argument. I hope that future symposium titles will more accurately represent what will be presented.

Sincerely,
Ben Libert

Lately our school has had a series of events titled "Diversity Symposiums" that have so far included panel discussions and presentations on Homosexuality and Religion, and a speaker regarding his experiences in South Africa. While these forums are a great way to learn about current issues affecting our world and continuing our education outside the classroom, a few things have begun to bother me that has taken place at both of these events. The first is the sudden endings to the portion of the program that includes questions from the audience. Dr. Na was suddenly cut off when asking a question during the Homosexuality and Religion debate when it seemed that it was obvious the audience was interested in talking further about the issue. It was bad enough to see that this was a one-sided presentation, but to cease any opposing views being discussed seemed rather hypocritical. (As a note, I agreed with the presented viewpoint, but still feel we must be fair to both sides.) We ran into this problem again with our speaker from South Africa when he was given a chance to field only two questions from an audience that would likely have had a few more things to say. Most importantly, I feel it is unfair to both students and speakers when professors require students to attend these events since many students do not agree with the expressed views. I know I would be furious if I were required to see Pat Robertson speak here for a class. Also, it is insulting for a speaker to talk to dozens of students who are clearly bored and not interested in what they have to say. I know from talking to other students that I am not alone in this critique of our Diversity Symposiums so far and hope that perhaps these concerns can be addressed for future events.

Sincerely,
Ken Jae

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

Matrix: Revolutions

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

The only thing missing from The Matrix: Revolutions is Keanu Reeves' trademark "WHOA!" That and dialogue that didn't make Attack of the Clones seem like Shakespeare. Other than that, this movie has what most were looking for in the final installment of The Matrix trilogy.

The battle between man and machine continues where Reloaded left off. Neo, still in a coma, struggles to escape while his companions from Zion try to free him. The machines are digging closer to Zion's core and Agent Smith is continuing his loose canon attack in the matrix. Due to an unknown "choice" The Oracle has assumed a new form and guides the heroes in their last ditch pursuit of victory.

That's as much of the plot as we can reveal without ruining any of the surprises Revolutions has in store. What we can talk about, is how awesome this movie is technically. Most obviously, the special effects are great but that's come to be expected from a Matrix movie. Revolutions actually doesn't have as many spectacular kung fu battles as the original or Reloaded. While some are present, and wonderfully exciting, the focus is on large scale machine battles. Most notably is the attack on Zion. We've heard around campus, this battle described as the greatest action sequence battle since Hoth. While some may dispute this claim, it is an extremely exciting and intense sequence. Another aspect that makes this scene as effective is the seriousness that the filmmakers take in showing these events. Rather than try to include humor within the action, the filmmakers kept the action the focus at all times. The intensity grows with every heart-pounding moment until the climax you'll have to see to truly appreciate.

While we're on the subject of technical issues, the movie does a wonderful job of combining new computer techniques and classic makeup to create a very realistic image. Through computer animation, the machines and their impact on the humans can be seen seamlessly, that is every time they strike a human, you could see each individual attack. Once the machines are not involved though, classical makeup techniques are applied to create a very realistic up-close image of the damage. While many people may ignore the importance of certain aspects of movie-making like makeup, the realism keeps the viewer from scoffing at the silliness of an unrealistic wound and focused on the emotion of the character.

Another great aspect that lifts this film above other action films, is the strong emotional work turned in by the cast. Across the line, every performance was typical of the performances already established in the trilogy. The addition of new characters also added to the film, especially that of General Mifune and the girl Sati. Another new face to the film is the new actress playing the Oracle. Gloria Foster brilliantly played the Oracle in the first two films. However she passed away after filming her scenes for Reloaded with the scenes for Revolutions incomplete. Therefore, the filmmakers brought in a new actress to play the role, and boy did she nail it. Mary Alice perfectly takes over the role and uses every minute she has onscreen to hold the story together. With the hardest role in the film, she shines to perfection.

Since this is the final installment in the trilogy, we'd like to take a little space to comment on some reasons why The Matrix trilogy has been good for the entertainment community. While it obviously provides excitement and adventure in three two-hour installments for the audience, it provides an important underlying message. The inclusion of women in all roles, whether it be in the community of Zion or out fighting agents and sentinels, shows the importance that women have in that society.

Just as the women stand on the level playing field as men, people of various races are treated equally. The film doesn't try to show that it is politically correct. It doesn't make race an issue at all. Basically, Zion is probably one of the most equal societies ever depicted on film. While it may not seem like much, it shows that at least the film community is making leaps and bounds over where it was even a decade ago.

Revolutions is an action movie. Like most action movies, it has a relatively silly script and sometimes it gets a little preachy. But this is no reason to not go see how it all ends. Thus, we give this film a B. If we say the original Matrix is an A, then in comparison to that, Revolutions stands as a B+.

Madonna: In the music business as long as I've been alive

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

A quick quiz before we get started. What do Aerosmith, Stevie Wonder, and Cher have in common? Give up? Longevity in the music biz, while constantly continuing to change and grow with the times.

The majority of artists, if you can even call some of Billboard's Top 100 that, have a relatively short shelf life. Just look at the Spice Girls. However, this year marks twenty years as a major recording star for the great chameleon herself, Madonna.

Her first album debuted in 1983, aptly self-titled. While "Holiday" is her biggest hit off this album, "Burning Up" is greatly underrated. "Burning Up's" lyrics are a glimpse of what she would someday become: "I'm not the same, I have no shame. I'm on fire". Now that is classic Madonna, if I do say so myself.

Despite the minor success of the first album, "Like a Virgin" put the blonde vixen on the map in 1984. She worked with producer Nile "Chic" Rogers, who put his stamp on her first number 1 hit, the ever-classic, "Like a Virgin." With this second disc, she dares to be sultry, and show off pop influences. The album also contains the song that Madonna would forever be associated with and one of my personal faves, "Material Girl" This is the Madonna of the piles of rosaries and bracelets, the belly button showing, and who inspired the millions of "wannabes" that filled stadiums for her record-breaking tour in 1985.

'85 also marked the great one's first major role in a movie. Granted, her track record in the film industry is less than stellar, for example "The Next Best Thing." I adore Rupert Everett, but he couldn't even save that movie. I do enjoy her in "A League of Their Own," but I think she was basically playing herself. Anyway, moving right along.

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Madonna didn't really get personal in her songwriting until "Like a Prayer," which was released in 1989. In "Promise to Try," Madonna deals with her mother's death from cancer. "Oh Father" takes on Papa Ciccone, as well as the Catholic Church, both of which she blamed for her oppressed childhood.

This album is best remembered, however, for the controversy that surrounded the music video for the title song. The song had originally been optioned for use in a Pepsi commercial that featured an adult Madonna watching footage of a childhood birthday party. The infamous the music video depicted Madonna kissing a black saint in church, witnessing a murder, and burning crosses. The commercial deal with Pepsi was scrapped, but as we all know, controversy fuels fame, so the song and album went to No. 1.

Unfortunately, the early '90s were not so good to Madonna. At the time, "Erotica" (1992) was deemed a commercial failure. I think at this point in her life, she was trying to grow out of her image from the 1980s, as well as figure out how a woman of 30 fits into the world of pop music. By bucking the system, I'm sure she counted on curiosity getting the better of people.

"Bedtime Stories" (1994) was a slight improvement over "Erotica." Madonna moved away from the dance-pop sound we were all used to, and explored the growing R&B genre. Pegging the man of the hour, producer, writer, and performer, Babyface to help on "Take a Bow," another personal fave, restored some of her credibility and a boost commercially.

It was six years before the next disc, "Ray of Light" (1998). The scandals of 1992 long since forgotten, Madonna finally won a Grammy award for this album. Critics call this one her "spiritual" album. Songs are about her young daughter, love, and fame. I believe her discovery of yoga and eastern religions, in addition to an overall maturity, helped make this album such a quality effort.

"Music" was released in 2000 and was her first U.S. No. 1 album since "Like a Prayer," in 1989. In this personality recreation, Madonna takes on the cool mom with a twist image. I'm sure you all remember the title single's video, with the scantly clad dancers and the heavy bling.

Madonna finally got slightly political for her recent release, "American Life." The title track bashes what we consider to represent a high quality of life. However, the best song on the album is her next single, "Nothing Fails." I really think this is my all time favorite Madonna song, with "I'll Remember" ("With Honors" soundtrack, 1994), at the number two spot.

In short, even if you, my dear soldiers in entertainment, don't particularly care for Mrs. Ritchie's music, you've got to at least respect a woman who has lasted so long in one of the most fickle industries in the world.

Crossword 101

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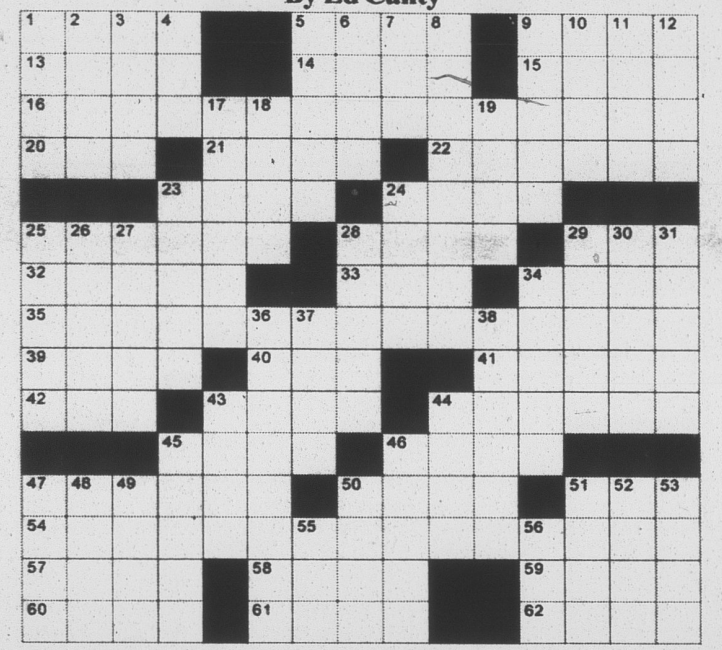
By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain, and as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality.

• • • *Albert Einstein*

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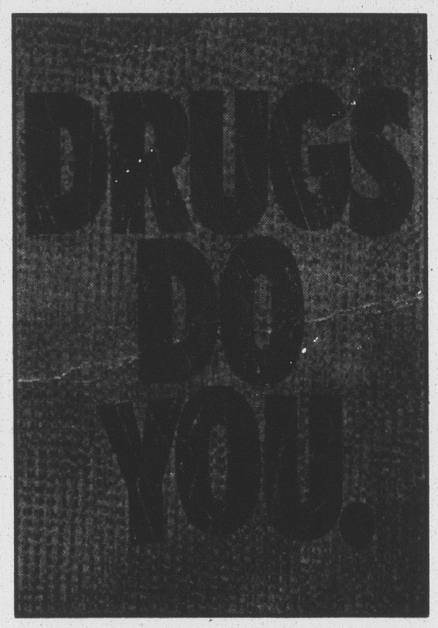


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Your spirit of independence and adventure is strong during the week, and you may likely seek answers and opportunities far from home. Hasty decisions to questions concerning the job or everyday routine need to be avoided. Steer clear of troublemakers.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Your mate or business partner will be very helpful in matters relating to financial dealings. Don't be to sure of what seems like a safe bet, avoid taking any foolish risks. There are a few opportunities in various areas that will expand your horizons.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
An agreement with a companion can unleash a new potential for mutual expression, whether in a creative vein, personal alliance or moneymaking scheme. You have the tendency to take much for granted and magnify situations that are not all that they seem; be careful.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Stick to routine matters and get as much accomplished as possible with minimal fuss. People both at home and at work will appreciate your diligence and efficiency. Draw on your intelligence and use your charm to get to the heart of things. You'll need help from others.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Your creative juices are flowing in all directions, and positively affecting everything you do. Your heightened creativity and inventiveness will add another dimension to your work. Instead of forging ahead on your own, it's best to enlist the help of others close to you.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Be extra cautious in communications with a loved one. Avoid arguing and using a take-charge attitude, for this is definitely a joint venture. There may be a problem at work with a new co-worker, so rise above resentments and reach for a new status through hard work.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
This week is no time to let your emotions overrule your mind, try hard to follow your intuitions. Between ups and downs in home life, romance, creative pursuits and finances, you will feel like you are on a seesaw gone wild. Somehow, everything will turn out fine.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Your intuition is in high gear now, so it pays to listen to your inner voice regarding a financial deal. In other matters, particularly your home life, it will probably be necessary to compromise. Zero in on routine chores and you will accomplish quite a bit.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Forge ahead and climb up that career ladder, you have more support from higher ups than you realize. Diverse trends favor your money activities, but don't be tempted to throw away advantages you've gained to obtain instant profits. Don't try to please everyone.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Try to complete unfinished odds and ends at work by mid-week, when personal interests will take over. Cooperation from others is scarce, so no matter what you do, there will probably be a bit of trouble. Your financial picture is becoming rather rosy.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
This week could be rather hectic, and you have the tendency to overdo it, so at least try to pace yourself. Try not to overspend, because coming up short will be tougher to work your way out of. Your pleasing manner and attractiveness will be assets in dealing with the public.

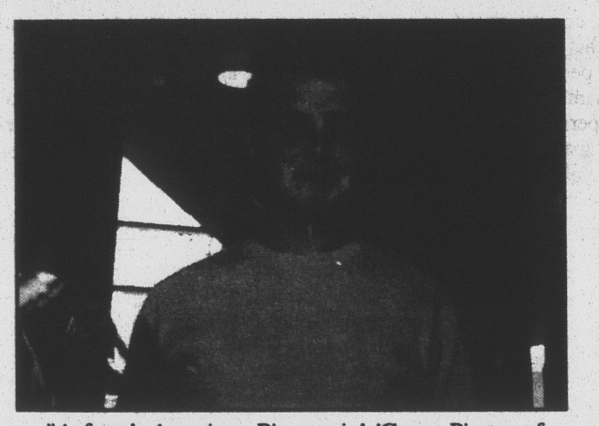
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Business activities may be a bit disappointing; perhaps your expectations are exceeding possibilities. If you are getting the feeling that someone is undermining you on the job, you could be right. Do some investigating on your own, and don't overreact.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your social agenda will be quite lively for the next several months. You will have your fair share of popularity with the opposite sex, and there is great potential for a new romance. Regarding money matters, try to consolidate any future gains into one solid investment.

FEATURE

Question of the Week: Would you rather see a sequel to Pirates of the Caribbean, or a fourth American Pie movie?

"I think a fourth American Pie, because they can never do as good a job with the pirates, and the ideas of what they could do with the children of those two is mind-bogglingly hysterical."
- Amanda Kovacic, sophomore



"A fourth American Pie movie! 'Cause Pirates of the Caribbean sucked."
- Steve Fraley, freshman

"I've never seen Pirates of the Caribbean, and I can't imagine another American Pie movie. It'd have to be American Babies or something."
- Lauren Perkins, senior

"I haven't see Pirates of the Caribbean, and I don't want a fourth American Pie movie, because they've killed it enough!" - Gwen Kennedy, senior

"Sequel to Pirates of the Caribbean, because I don't think I can handle another American Pie movie." - Cassie Walker, junior

"Pirates of the Caribbean - after a while, you get sick of the American Pie movies, and I just like Pirates of the Caribbean." - Shelly Beil, junior

"Unfortunately, I haven't seen Pirates of the Caribbean yet. I've seen the first two American Pie movies, but I think I'd rather see a sequel to Pirates of the Caribbean. But mostly I'd like to see original works, instead of sequels!" - Joe Becker, junior

"Les Miserables." - Justin Bardash, freshman

Dear Diary: Secrets in the digital age

by Carolyn Miller
Resident Livejourani Addict

I remember my first diary. It was small, much tinier than my schoolbooks, and had gold-edged pages. Or at least, they shone gold on that day I unwrapped the present. It had a small metal lock with a set of keys so I could keep all my secrets safe. The cover was brown, with 'gold' inlay. The pages were dated, one page for each day. I remember that I found it difficult to keep my entries to only one page, and the entry for June 5th would run all the way to June 9th. That was okay, though, since I only remembered to write in it maybe once a month. And when a year had passed, I went back through the diary again, making sure to only write on the days that hadn't already been written on.

Then, like most girls 'graduating' into high school, I left behind those childish diaries and moved on to the much more grown-up journal. In ninth grade English class, we were actually assigned to keep a journal for a month, so I did, and then kept it for another two years afterward. But as the years went by, I found it increasingly difficult to remember to write in it, and I felt bad for my poor journal – it had no clue what was going on in my life, save for the 10-page long entries I would make about twice a year.

I still brought it with me to college, though – these years are the best to get down on paper, right? I think I wrote once, in the first month of school, before forgetting the book under a pile of textbooks beneath my bed.

Soon after, a friend from emailed me a web address – to his online journal. Then, nearing the end of my freshman year, another friend of mine introduced me to an online instant journaling service. The concept was simple enough – go to the website, get an account, type in a box, and press a 'post' button, and everything was quickly uploaded to your own personal site. After all my failed attempts at a pen-and-paper journal, I decided to give online journaling a try.

Now that I've been journaling online for the past three years, I've had a good chance to study the people who use it – and all the journals across the web, really. The vast majority of people with online journals, I've found, really have nothing to say. They're there to let their friends know what's going on in their lives, which is important to friends, but isn't interesting anyone else wandering through.

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Then, there are the artists and the poets, the writers who start entire journals to post their creations on. There are communities devoted to photography, prose, and even notebook doodles. In this case, online journals offer a timely glance into the artist's world.

Lastly, there are the people whose friends told them to get a journal. You can tell they were coerced into signing up for one, because their journals have maybe three entries from about six months ago, and no activity since.

On top of that, there are tons of different kinds of people who keep online journals. But after keeping an online journal for so long, I asked myself – why keep such a private thing online, open to all the world?

True, almost anyone can stumble across your journal, and read the most sacred bits of your life. You could be ultra-careful and put the important information behind a password if you wanted to, but as we all know from being on the Internet, beware of hackers. There are people who hack journal accounts just to be a mean, mean person. Some of my friends online have had their accounts hacked, and not only can the hacker post mean or inappropriate things on the journal, but they can also use the account to get the original user banned from the service entirely. It's a grisly thing that happens, really.

But online journaling has really been a wonderful thing for me. I've met a lot of people through the Internet, some I've actually come to meet in real life as well. There are people I desperately want to meet, but haven't been able to due to the large distance between us. Someday, I hope to meet them, one way or another.

Then, when I spent fall semester last year in Japan, I used my online journal to keep in touch with my friends in family. It was helpful much more than email, because then I only had to type one entry instead of a dozen emails. It's aided me in communicating with people who are currently changing email addresses, or leaving announcements to all of my friends (like my most recent favorite, commenting on the 17 inches of hair I donated to Locks of Love).

There are a ton of different journaling websites out there – I started out with Diaryland (www.diaryland.com), but now I constantly use both LiveJournal (www.livejournal.com) and Xanga (www.xanga.com). I also have two Blog (www.blogger.com) accounts to serve as news logs for two of my websites. I honestly recommend LiveJournal, which can be free as long as you know somebody with a free activation code to give away. If not, it's only $5 for two months of a paid account, which gets you better service than if you had a free one. Plus, when your paid account runs out, you still have a free account, and a bunch of activation codes to give out to people you know. Xanga is also a nice site, just as simple to use as LiveJournal, but their paid account costs much more. Blog is free and easy, and so is Diaryland.

Those aren't the only free online journals available – if you Google the phrase 'online journal,' you can find all sorts of ones available, if that's your thing. Just because it's for me doesn't mean it's for everyone, but it's still a thing to take advantage of. I may be too forgetful to write in a regular diary, but now I've got a written record of the past three years, and my little brother doesn't ever have to worry about being caught stealing it.

No Heart vs Bleeding Heart: Hate Crimes

by Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

In the past decade, this country has been witness to some of the most disgusting and racist crimes ever committed on our own people. Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, along with hundreds more, were unjustly slain on the basis of their skin color, sexual orientation, or religion. Since then, there has been a national movement towards hate-crime legislation. Proponents argue that hate-crimes are heinous and detrimental to the ideals on which this country was founded. I couldn't agree more. They say that we the people must develop a plan in order to combat these racist acts. I couldn't agree more. They say the best way to do it is through federal legislation which specifically highlights a hate-motivated crime and assigns more aggressive penalties to it. And that's where I disagree.

Sorry to intrude, but I believe there is a constitutional contradiction here. The 14th Amendment provides that a state cannot "deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." Equal protection is the key word. With hate crime legislation, we are, in essence, creating a class of citizens ABOVE the regular Joe. These people, who commit crimes motivated by race, religion, or sexual orientation, will be prosecuted with stricter penalties than similar crimes not classified as "hate-motivated." I'm not getting equal protection under the law, which is my constitutional right, not to mention a basic democratic principle. Instead, when I'm beat down with a baseball bat, my attacker will receive a lighter sentence as opposed to someone who attacks a Catholic, or an African American, or a homosexual. Now, don't get me wrong, anyone who lashes out due to some ignorant prejudice is one sick human being. But the point remains that we are all American citizens, and we all deserve to see our perpetrators receive the same treatment in the justice system.

Besides the constitutional issue, one must ponder, what isn't a hate crime? You don't see many people committing violent acts all in the name of "love." All crimes that involve a personal attack on another individual are motivated by hate, whether it be jealousy, disgust, or desperation (except for self-defense, of course).

So how does one decipher a "hate" crime as designated by this legislation? That's where the prosecutors come in. It is now their burden to prove that this victim was specifically targeted because of either his or her race, religion, or sexual orientation.

Granted, it is up to the prosecutor whether or not they want to classify the act as a hate-crime, but what prosecutor wouldn't want the defendant to be punished under the fullest extent of the law? Let's say the prosecutor opts for the hate-crime classification. These trials require far more evidence than normal prosecutions. This further complicates the trial, thereby lengthening the session and delaying sentencing, or justice. Now let's say the prosecutor fails to provide enough evidence to convince the justice system of hate motives. Even though the defendant may be found guilty, he is given a lighter sentence. Now there is a feeling of failure. The sense of vengeance is lost. We cannot do this to our justice system, as well as the families of victims.

Yes, these acts of violence are horrendous. A person should never feel too frightened to be who they are. Our country was designed to protect individuality, and it should continue. But our country must also protect its citizens equally in order to maintain its democratic values. Hate crime legislation counters this notion of equality, so we must find other ways to battle racist acts.

A note from the authors: *We may disagree on a lot of issues, but there is one thing which we both feel strongly about. Crimes committed on any person because of their race, religion or sexual orientation are wrong. No one should ever fear or try to change who they are just to avoid physical, mental or verbal abuse. These people who use their racist and ignorant beliefs to hurt others deserve no pity or tolerance from our country. We strongly suggest that you go see The Laramie Project this weekend, it is an enlightening experience. Remember, hate is not a Westminster value, and it is not a value of ours either.*

by Richard Marmura
Resident Liberal

When it comes to the idea of hate crime legislation many issues present themselves. How do you determine a person's motivation? Does such legislation lead to "thought crime"? Does such legislation elevate some in our society over others?

It is imperative that we first talk about exactly what a "hate crime" is. According to the International Associations of Chiefs of Police a hate crime is defined as a "criminal offense committed against persons, property or society that is motivated, in whole or in part, by an offender's bias against an individual's or a group's race, religion, ethnic/national origin, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation". Additionally, it is noted that hate crimes are not only meant to hurt individuals, but frighten/intimidate an entire community as well. According to the FBI: Uniform Crime Report, in 2001 there were 9,726 "hate crime" incidents with approximately 12,016 victims. Thus we see that hate crimes are indeed different from normal crimes as a person is singled out (due to an above mentioned reason) and a community is being indirectly targeted. Additionally, we see that hate crimes are NOT something that just affect homosexuals or minorities, but rather something that could potentially affect all of us.

Those against hate crime legislation often argue that this grants groups "special rights", however, I feel that this does not give these groups "special rights", rather, it simply "evens the playing field". The minorities groups protected under this sort of legislation are, unfortunately, regular targets of hate-motivated crimes. Therefore, this legislation simply gives increased protection to those who are at an increased risk level.

It is also often argued that hate crime legislation will lead to a "slippery slope effect" that will make "hate speech" illegal. It should be noted that I firmly believe in the right of free speech (those who read my "flag burning" article should realize that). While I find hateful speech about any group to be unnecessary, disgusting and, almost always, a sign of low intelligence on the part of the speaker; I do not think it should be outlawed.

Hate is an issue that will not disappear overnight. We cannot afford to merely bury our heads in the sand and pretend that this is not a pressing issue. For this week I leave you with a prayer for hope and a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

Isaac's Rock Column: A Perfect Circle bassist tells all

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

A Perfect Circle will be in Pittsburgh, PA at the AJ Palumbo Center this Tuesday, November 18. Year Of The Rabbit and The Icarus Line will open the show.

Last Friday, I had the luck to conduct a phone interview with Jeordie White, bass player for A Perfect Circle, who was known under the moniker Twiggy Ramirez when he played bass for Marilyn Manson. We started the conversation talking about the difference between playing with Manson and A Perfect Circle.

"The comparison I always use is, Manson's live show is kind of like either porno or a horror movie. And this [A Perfect Circle] is kind of like a movie where you don't really see the monster like the first Alien movie or the Blair Witch project or something that's little more mysterious," White said.

White was added to A Perfect Circle's line-up in February of 2003 after running into drummer Josh Freese at a party. He now fills the slot vacated by previous bassist and original band member Paz Lenchantin.

After joining the band, White went into the studio to record the bass tracks for A Perfect Circle's new album the "Thirteenth Step". While in the studio, he also had the opportunity to lend his song writing skills to two of the songs on the album, "Crimes" and "The Package."

"It was pretty easy, when we did "The Package." We were all in the same room and we just started playing that song and it pretty much came out," White said.

While the band hasn't recorded any new material or done any acoustic reworkings of their new material, they have been experimenting a bit.

"We do yet another different version of 'The Nurse Who Loved Me' live and we're always coming up with stuff in sound check, but nothing that's been released yet," White said.

He went on to say that there is a possibility we may see some acoustic versions of songs in the future. This is purely speculation, but with Year of the Rabbit touring with A Perfect Circle, and since the band's front man, Ken Andrews, co-wrote "The Nurse Who Loved Me" when he played with Failure, they may do yet another version of the song live featuring him.

Holcad Exclusive interview with Jeordie White, bassist for A Perfect Circle

On top of his duties with A Perfect Circle, White has also spent some time on other projects, including Josh Homme's (Queens of the Stone Age) eclectic experimental album called "Desert Sessions Vol. 9 & 10," that features a variety of artists, including a substantial amount of collaborative material with PJ Harvey.

"It was a really cool experience recording with all those musicians [on the Dessert Sessions project]," White said. "Recording the Dessert Sessions and the A Perfect Circle record didn't really leave me much time, but I did write a lot of music before I started both of those, I don't really want to call it solo stuff, but I did it by myself, and it will probably come out next year, or I would start working on it next year."

White also makes a guest appearance on Melissa Auf Der Mauer's (Hole and Smashing Pumpkins) solo album, which is now set for a February 2004 release. The album will also feature appearances by A Perfect Circle's James Iha, Queens of the Stone Age's Josh Homme, Nick Oliveri and Troy Van Leeuwen, Mark Lanegan, Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl and ex-Zwan/APC bassist Paz Lenchantin.

"The Outsider" will be the next APC single properly released to radio.

LEAD seminars give students guidelines for being effective leaders

by Leigh Ann Reynolds
Campus Writer

Student Affairs and Residence Life sponsor the Leadership Education and Development seminars, which are open to any students looking to become effective leaders.

These seminars are open to any interested students who would like to learn more about being a leader. The seminars are held once a month at lunch time in the Witherspoon Rooms in the McKelvey Student Center. Each luncheon hosts a speaker who has had experience in a leadership position. These seminars usually last about one hour. The luncheons are usually limited to 40 people so that the atmosphere can be personal. Students are encouraged to ask questions and discuss issues. The LEAD seminars are meant to be informational while in a relaxed atmosphere.

"We want the luncheons to be beneficial and worthwhile," Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Molly Burnett said. "Everyone has skills and capabilities and through the seminars, students learn what it takes to be a leader."

When Burnett was hired, the college was looking to start a leadership development program. They tried different activities including having a seminar once each semester on a Saturday afternoon. Because not many students attended the Saturday seminars, Student Affairs started the luncheons. Lunch time is usually convenient for all students and because the seminars are during the week, more people are able to attend.

The speakers have ranged from local business leaders to civic leaders.

"The idea is for students to hear prominent people in the community talk about the leadership skills that they have learned or developed so that students can glean from their wisdom," Resident Director, Seth McCormick said.

Past speakers have included President R. Thomas Williamson, Marge Walker, Dean Jesse Mann, and former NFL player, Ron Coder.

The popularity of the LEAD seminars has been growing. Because the number of students in attendance should not exceed 40 persons, it is necessary for any interested student to RSVP. The last seminar was full within three days of sending the campus-wide e-mail.

Leadership Development opportunities are encouraged and financially supported by the Student Government Association.

The next speaker for the LEAD luncheon will be Dr. David Guthrie, on Nov. 20, at 12:45 p.m. in the Witherspoon Rooms. Guthrie is a professor of education at Geneva College and specializes in higher education.

Westminster lets Veterans Day slide on a silent day of rememberance

by Jon Shaw
Campus Writer

On November 11 Veterans Day was celebrated. However, Westminster did not host any type of celebration or recognition for the holiday.

"I don't know exactly know how I feel about Westminster not celebrating. At first it seems wrong, but when you think about it it's only Westminster College. It doesn't mean that we can't still celebrate it in our hearts. But it is messed up that we have class considering the holiday is in honor of people who died for our country," said junior Craig Bohyer.

With Veterans Day being such an important holiday that carries with it many emotions, it is curious that Westminster didn't host any events to recognize the holiday. However, Westminster is not forgetting about veterans. "We are hosting a celebrity series musical that has to do with World War II which is organized by Eugene De Caprio head of the Celebrity Series office," said Mark Meighen, senior director for marketing and communications. The celebrity series concert will be held November 12, at 8 pm in Orr Auditorium.

In the past, Westminster has held programs to honor veterans. "Last year Westminster hosted New Wilmington High School/Westminster Veterans Day celebration. We let the high school use our facilities as well as having our band participate in the celebration. New Wilmington joined our committee, and we brought in an excellent speaker," said Gloria Cagigas who is head of Westminster's Institutional Advancement program.

The idea of Veterans Day originally began after World War I. It was marked as a national holiday Nov. 11, 1918. After World War II, with the mobilization of many soldiers, and the brutal battles Veterans Day became public law. As of June 1, 1954, the House of Representatives signed a bill stating Nov. 11 will be a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

"Respect for veterans is something that American's need have. Veterans Day is a very special holiday that I will be thinking about regardless of what we do as a school. There are many people close to me that have fought in wars, and to honor them for fighting and dying for our country is something that everyone needs to do," senior Ryan Mitchell said.

Faculty Forum serves as classroom for professors

by Meagan Pecoraro
Campus Writer

Each Wednesday at 11:30 in the Campus Center, professors on campus gather together at the Faculty Forum which focuses on the teaching interests among faculty members.

Dr. Barbara Faires founded Faculty Forum when she was in the position of academic dean. The main goal of the Faculty Forum is to offer professors around campus an understanding of the teaching ways of their fellow colleagues.

"In a real way, Forum is a classroom for professors," Dr. Fritz Horn, professor of English and Faculty Development Officer said.

According to Horn, when the professors meet, they present to their colleagues presentations on what interests them in the classroom. The presentations vary in subject and are usually meant to offer a teaching experience, a current research project or something new to the curriculum here on campus.

"Forum has pierced the wall of isolation that often exists on even a small campus," Horn said. "It lets us know of interests and creates a natural means of entering into dialogue with colleagues about topics of common interest."

Faculty Forum is an important aspect to the community here on campus. It not only shows professors how their colleagues are teaching, but at the same time it furthers the education that is taught throughout the campus. From this, the entire community benefits from the program.

"Ideally the Faculty Forum provides the opportunity for faculty members to share their specialist knowledge and research with the rest of the faculty," Dr. Brian Rennie, associate professor of religion and philosophy said.

According to Rennie, the Forum is one of the only ways on campus for all faculty members to get together and share their thoughts and ideas. From the Forum, professors will gain an understanding of their colleagues teaching ways and also broaden their knowledge of new ideas.

"I really do enjoy Faculty Forum," Dr. Virginia Tomlinson, associate professor of sociology said. "There's nothing like hearing colleagues' excitement about their research... and folks are studying lots of intriguing subjects."Withheld in every meeting is the opportunity for members of faculty to learn new things. Faculty Forum will always remain an important aspect to professors on campus.

Correction

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"Diversity Symposium challenges beliefs"

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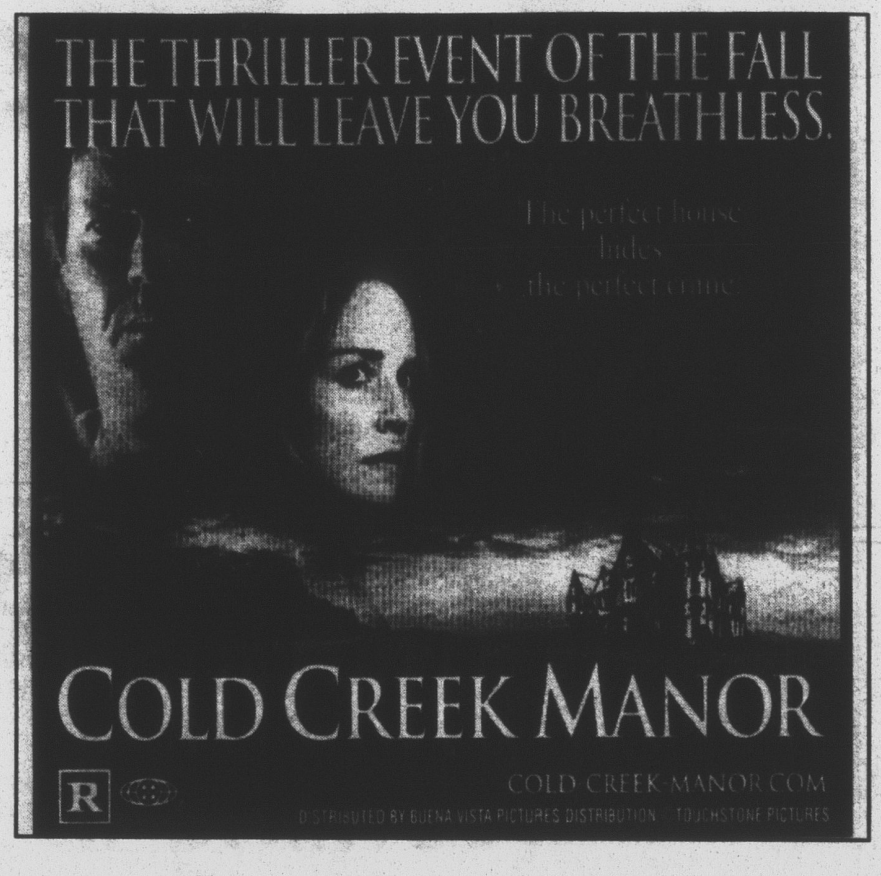

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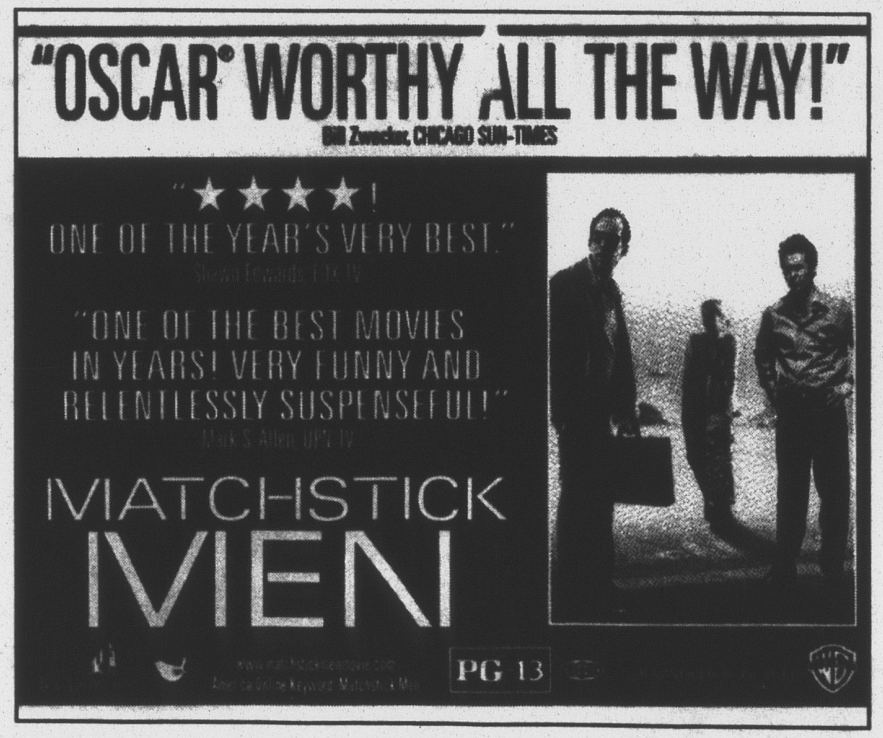

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Suitcase Winners

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by Melissa Logan
Senior Staff Writer

Juniors and roommates Megan Sigler and Lauren Anderson left the McKelvey Center in a limousine last Thursday with their bags packed. As the winners of Theta Chi's "Suitcase Party," the two traveled, all expenses paid, to sunny Fort Lauderdale.

"It was such a great surprise and the trip was unbelievable. I still can't believe I went to Florida for $10," Anderson said.

Nearly 150 students gathered in the McKelvey lounge for the party, many hoping to leave as a winner. President R. Thomas Williamson drew the winning ticket "live" from his office during the event.

"My name has never sounded more glorious than when it came from President Williamson's mouth," Sigler said. "The brothers grabbed us and ran us out the limo as soon as our names were announced. It was the most amazing moment of my life! I felt like I won an Oscar!"

Hearing about the idea from alumni, senior Craig Carlin and junior Bob Allen began planning the fundraiser in July. Since then, the brothers have dedicated hours to the success of the event. Fifty-five chances to win the trip were sold for $10 each beginning in September.

"Theta Chi has organized this particular event in the past," said Carlin. "We thought it sounded like a great idea and decided to bring it back to the campus."

The money raised for the trip and door prize ticket sales funded the flight, motel and other small expenses. Brothers donated additional money for the door prizes as well.

Twenty door prize tickets were purchased during the party giving students the chance to win a stereo, DVD player and other prizes. Local merchants including Rachel's Roadhouse, McDonald's, Giant Eagle, Hoss's Steakhouse, and others donated merchandise and gift certificates for the raffle.

"I am pleased to say that our brothers raised more than $100 for the American Red Cross with the help of the Westminster community," said Carlin. "We hope to make this event a tradition and give increasingly more money each year."

Say hello to the College Democrats

by Mary Huebert
Campus Writer

The Young Republicans and the Green Party now have another group to compete with for political attention: the College Democrats.

The College Democrats is a new organization consisting of 18 students, including four officers. According to the group's president, junior Greg Smith, the members are interested in representing democratic political views and raising political awareness.

"The purpose of the organization is to promote political awareness and hopefully arouse some fun and healthy competition among the other political organizations," Smith said.

Smith, Mike Crochninus, and Richard Marmura decided to start the College Democrats last year when they realized there was no organization on campus that represented their political views. "Mike suggested it last year, so I started to write the organization's constitution," Smith said. "I gauged interest in the group and implemented the constitution this year."

In their first year, the College Democrats are looking to get their name out by getting involved in campus activities. Members are trying to organize a voter registration drive and would like to hold a friendly debate with the Green and Republican parties.

The organization is supporting all of the candidates in the upcoming Mock Convention. "I am the Mock Convention's campaign manager for Wesley Clark," said senior Ashleigh Oram, secretary of the College Democrats, "and I find the organization a great resource."

Members also hope to participate in some campus charity events. "We want to positively reflect the goals of the Democratic Party and encourage others—no matter what their political stance—to become involved and caring individuals," Oram said.

The Young Republicans and the Green Party members are glad to see the creation of this third political organization. "It shows that our campus is experiencing political growth," said junior Jessica Rummel, president of the Young Republicans. "These orga-

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CAMPUS NEWS

College republicans gearing up for another semester

by Chris Hatch
Campus Writer

Although the College Republicans have only been an official organization for a little over a semester, they are taking full advantage of the opportunities presented to them.

The organization was founded by Jessica Rummel and Russ Mills in the fall of 2002, and was officially recognized and approved in the spring of 2003. There are currently 15-20 active members.

Members of the organization have already been active in many campus activities this semester. In the first week of October, group members traveled to Grove City College to participate in the "California Recall Party." The event was sponsored by Grove City College's student republican organization. On Nov. 1, members campaigned door to door in New Wilmington for Dan Vogler, a Westminster graduate running for a seat on the Lawrence County Commissioners. Vogler eventually won that position.

The organization also participated in the ZTA "Shoot for the Cause" event and held a T-shirt sale to raise funds. President of the College Republicans Jessica Rummel was pleasantly surprised with the success of the t-shirt sale. "We sold approximately 25 of them, which really impressed me, considering how liberal this campus is," she said.

Last month the organization held a voter registration drive. The College Democrats cosponsored the event. Rummel felt that cosponsoring the event with the College Democrats represented the organization's purpose on campus. "Our mission is to promote not only our own ideals, that which represent the Republican Party, but to also promote political awareness on campus," she said.

Most recently the College Republicans were able to bring Pennsylvania State Representative Jeff Coleman to speak to students. His lecture, which was open to the entire campus, highlighted issues of gambling, property taxes and education.

The organization also has several plans for the future. In December, members will be traveling to Thiel College to hear a speaker from the Reagan administration. Thiel College's "Young Conservatives Group" is sponsoring this event. There are also plans to organize a campus debate between the College Republicans, College Democrats and Green Party.

According to College Republican member Todd Wilson, a debate would be beneficial for all involved. "It would be a good thing because the Green Party already has a good base on campus, and the Republicans and Democrats are trying to gain more publicity," he said.

Green Party member Isaac Ludwig is also anxious for the debate to take place. "In the past debates have always been welcome," he said. "We had a debate last year and all parties were well represented."

Students improve leadership skills through alliance

by Erica Tallo
Campus Writer

Students on campus develop leadership skills as members of the Leadership Alliance.

The Leadership Alliance is in its third year of existence. It is a collaboration of students selected from the campuses of Lake Erie College, Slippery Rock University, Thiel College, The University of Akron, Walsh University, Westminster College and Youngstown State University.

Westminster is represented by Jessica Bevan, a junior; Stephanie Cole, a sophomore; Patrick Foley, a junior; Colter McElree, a sophomore; and Amanda Moore, a senior.

Members of the Alliance will meet three more times this year. The initial meeting was hosted by Westminster College, which used the Titan Traverse program to break the ice between students. Future conferences will be held at Sandy Lake, Lake Erie College and Youngstown State University.

At these meetings, members will listen to guest speakers, attend workshops, and they will participate in activities that will focus on specific aspects of leadership.

"I want to come away with the skills that will allow me to motivate other people to speak out with their own ideas and opinions. I hope to apply it to my sorority," said Cole, member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority.

Molly Burnett, assistant dean of student affairs, is the advisor to the program.

"[The Alliance] enables our students to develop other ideas by seeing what goes on at other campuses," she said.

Students are usually recommended to Burnett by members of different organizations on campus. These students are sent an invitation to evoke interest.

Although it improves a student's status to already be involved in some type of organization, it is not a requirement. The only prerequisite is that students are able to attend all four of the scheduled conference dates.

"It really is a good way to develop skills for SGA and even for athletics," said Burnett.

Any students interested in becoming a member of the Leadership Alliance are encouraged to contact Molly Burnett at ext. 7114.

Green Party protests in Pittsburgh

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Last Saturday a group of students (pictured above) went to Pittsburgh to participate in a protest against the FTAA. The FTAA would expand NAFTA to the entire Western Hemisphere. Talks are being held this week in Miami, FL. The next addition of the Holcad will feature a story about senior Ken Jae's experiance at the protests in Miami.

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Student choirs fill the fall season with music

by Christine Atkins
Campus Writer

Hours of practice paid off for the Men's and Women's Choir when the sound of unified voices filled the Chapel, Sunday Nov. 9.

With an audience consisting of 200 friends and family, the Men's and Women's Choir performed for a full house. The concert lasted for an hour and a half with a special opportunity for the audience to try out their own vocal skills. "It was really nice that the audience was incorporated into the program when we learned the words of a Hebrew song, 'Shlosha d'Varim.' Ms. Rotuna helped us by singing each line for us until we caught on," said senior Amanda Moore, concert attendee.

There were also joint performances between the Men's and Women's Choir. One of the songs was called "Tota Pulchra Est." " I think singing this song with the Men's choir was so beautiful," said junior Jaime Carter, Women's choir performer.

The music performed was diverse and consisted of all types of beats, rhythms, and styles. "I enjoyed the variety of music of the concert. The men sang more energetic songs, while the women sang more religious/sacred music. It was very enjoyable to listen to," Moore said.

Being a member of Men or Women's Choir creates benefits that surpass the action of strictly singing for many students. "Women's Choir is a great experience. You form new friendships and the bond between the girls is amazing," Carter said.

Two students from the Men's Choir were also given the opportunity to develop skills for their future profession. " The fact that we had two student conductors (Matt McGloughlin and Sean Taylor) working with the Men's Choir was exciting," said junior Dennis Buffone, Men's Choir performer.

When asked what surprised her most about Westminster's choir program, Carter responded, "The program has a really wide range and variety of talent. There are some very strong singers, but there are also people who just like to sing with the group. When we come together, the sound is amazing."

Men's and Women's Choir is offered each semester by the Music Department as an elective or visual performance course. If you are interested in Men's Choir contact Dr. Lind at lindra@westminster.edu. If you are interested in Women's Choir contact Ms. Rotuna at orotuna@yahoo.com.

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The Chamber Choir will perform Sunday, November 23 in the Chapel, at 3:00 p.m.

Mortar Board to sponsor Turkey Day

by Sarah Bowers
Campus Writer

The National Office of the Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society presented Westminster's 2002-2003 Target Chapter with the Project Excellence Award for their Turkey Day fundraising event. Students will vote with small donations for a professor to wear a turkey costume. Only 20 Mortar Board chapters received this honor from more than 210 chapters nationwide.

Turkey Day was started last year and was so successful that it has become a tradition. Westminster's Mortar Board President, Amanda Ries, believes Turkey Day is a positive, enjoyable activity. "It breaks down the wall between the administration and students. Both groups can get really into the event," Ries said.

The donations will go to the Mortar Board's National Philanthropy, "Reading is Leading." This philanthropy promotes literacy, especially among children. Young people are encouraged to improve their reading skills.

Andrea Grove, Westminster's Mortar Board adviser, is excited that donations from this event will go to a good cause. "I think this is an awesome and fun way to raise money for literacy," Grove said.

The Turkey Candidates:

1. Sandra Webster, psych.
2. Martha Joseph, chem.
3. Tim Sherwood, chem.
4. Kent Carter, business
5. Suzanne Prestien, PR

Melissa Logan, a senior Mortar Board member believes this is a great activity and is anxious to find out the winner. "I think this is an interesting and creative way to raise money for our philanthropy. All of the professors who volunteered have been great sports about the whole thing. If I had to bet, my money's on Prestien," Logan said.

The participating professors are also excited about the event. "I'm really excited to be a part of this event. It's a great cause," said Bradley Weaver of the broadcasting department.

Friday, November 21, is the last day donations will be collected for Turkey Day. The winner will be announced Monday, November 24. The professors volunteered to win this honor are Sandra Webster of the psychology department, Martha Joseph and Tim Sherwood of the chemistry department, Kent Carter of the economics and business administration department, Suzanne Prestien of the English and public relations department, Patrick Krantz of the education department and Bradley Weaver of the broadcasting department.

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nizations help individuals define their personal, educated views for the future."

Senior Isaac Ludwig, public relations chair for the Green Party, agreed. "The more people active in political organizations on campus, the higher the level of awareness and the more dialogue there will be," he said.

The College Democrats meet for a half hour every Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. in McKelvey Center in room 253. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings, and there is no cost to become a member.

For more information about the College Democrats, contact Greg Smith at smithgg@westminster.edu.

Business students compete in national PICPA tournament

by Joanna Badger
Campus Writer

Westminster won fourth place at the PICPA tournament in Philadelphia with their business "Titan Trucking."

Under the leadership of Business Professor Tom Rosengarth, a team of students competed on Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants headquarters in Philadelphia. The students included Amanda Moore, Casie Howes, Daniela DiRupo, Meredith Kerner and Sara Noel.

Phase one of the competition required participating schools create a fictitious company based on a scenario provided by PICPA. This year's topic is the trucking industry. "We researched a lot about the trucking industry, we then decided upon various components of our company," said Moore.

Based on the specific information provided by PICPA, the "Titan Trucking" team decided on the companies goals, and the management and organization of the company. They developed marketing and sales strategies, and created financial statements for the future needs of the organization.

Phase two of the competition tested the team's ability under pressure. The teams were given a situation and then adjusted their business plan and financials to provide a solution to the problem.

Cash prizes were awarded the day of the competition to all the finalist teams, with amounts ranging from $1,500 for first place to $200 for fifth place.

Tri Beta biology society hosts fundraiser to make campus green

by John Kish
Campus Writer

The Tri-Betas helped add color to campus and raised money by selling plants to the student body and faculty.

The second annual fundraiser was successful, according to Tri-Beta President Becky Gonda. The club raised $80 by selling forty plants. Gonda explained the fundraiser was brought back this year due to last year's success.

Sophomore Tri-Beta member Bill Penwell purchased four plants. "The reason I bought them is because I'm a part of Tri-Beta, as well as the biology department, and they bring some color to the room."

Gonda believed the fundraiser is successful because it is all profit. The Tri-Betas grow all the plants in the biology department. Therefore, every dollar made goes straight to the organization.

Gonda offered her thoughts on the success of the fundraiser, "Overall, I think the plant sale was a success. It really helps our organization, and people were able to buy a nice plant at a reasonable price to cheer up their dorm room, office or send as a gift to a friend."

According to Gonda, the money raised is already being put to use. The members spent the money on pumpkins for carving and the spring trip. The spring trip will either be to a zoo or the Pittsburgh Science Center. The profits also help fund picnics and keep membership costs down.

Biology department chair Dr. Ann Throckmorton gave her feelings on Tri-Beta. "Tri-Beta is one of the oldest student organizations on campus. The chapter has been continuously active for fifty-five years. It provides a great opportunity for biology majors to interact with students with similar interests and to learn about research in their field."

According to Gonda, the organization is open to everyone interested in biology. There are three levels to membership. This first type is an affiliate membership. It is for anyone with any interest in biology. The second type is an associate membership. It is for anyone who has completed at least one biology course and is enrolled in another. The last type is an active membership. A student has to have been an associate first. The student also must have a b-average and have completed three biology courses.

According to Gonda, the last issue to becoming a member is cost. The chapter dues are only $3. This is all an affiliate membership costs. However, students have to pay national dues when upgrading to associate or active member.

Students interested in joining should contact Becky Gonda. "If anyone is interested in joining Tri-Beta they can contact me or come to our next meeting. We always love to welcome new members."

Prospective students to visit campus this weekend

by Jaime Carter
Campus Writer

It's that time of year; prospective students are flooding the campus along with their parents. Campus Visitation Days are occurring Friday November 21st through Saturday, November 22.

Campus Visitation Days, or CVD's, are what Assistant Director of Admissions Natalie Yingling considers to be one of the most important things our Admission's office offers to prospective students.

"The best way to truly discover what Westminster has to offer is for students to see the campus themselves," said Yingling. "By spending a day at Westminster, it gives the prospective student a chance to meet with students and faculty and see what it's like to be a student here."

There are 190 students registered to attend the upcoming CVD. They are traveling from as near as New Wilmington and as far as New York and New Jersey.

Admissions counselors travel during the months of September and October. Their main goal is to recruit students to visit the campus during CVD.

Current students fondly remember CVD.

"It was really helpful because they showed you around and there wasn't pressure to attend the school, it was more about getting information," said sophomore accounting major Ashley Seidelson.

Sophomore Public Relations major Elizabeth Bacheson agrees.

"The campus visitation day was a really great way as a prospective student to be able to learn more about what Westminster has to offer," she said.

There are 81 students from this past years' incoming freshman class that attended last years CVD.

According to admissions counselor Jason Nevinger, the initial visit to a college is what makes or breaks your decision. The admissions staff works very hard to put together a day in which prospective students can really get a feel for the college.

This year, the CVD guests will be greeted by Doug Swartz and President Williamson. Parents are then given the option of attending an informational financial aid session while their children attend a question and answer session headed up by a student panel. This is their opportunity to ask any questions they have about majors, classes and college life.

Families go on tours with SWAT members. Preceding the tours is a Faculty/Department fair where students can talk to professors in the majors they are interested in.

When asked what makes Westminster's CVD stand out from other colleges, Yingling answered:

"Without a doubt, it's our Financial Aid Presentation by Bob Latta & Cheryl Gerber. Every CVD we get comments from parents saying that our Financial Aid Presentation is the best they have ever heard."

Your Student Government Association

by Erin Halpin
Contributing Writer

As usual, SGA has been hard at work again this week. We would like to thank all those who filled out our Student Satisfaction Survey. We received almost 140 responses! If you filled a survey out, you will be entered into a drawing and prizes will be given at the all-campus Christmas Party on Dec. 4 from 4:30-7 p.m. in the Campus Center. There will also be a movie, music, food, games, etc. It's sure to be a great time, so come out, have some fun, and relax with friends before the stress of finals settles in!

Speaking of holiday fun, the Special Events Committee is organizing a trip to see "A Musical Christmas Carol" in Pittsburgh on Dec. 6. Tickets are only $15, but there is limited space available. Special Events Chair Greg Smith sent an email to the campus explaining how to obtain a ticket.

College Bowl is this Saturday! It will be an all-day event, starting at 10 a.m. in the Student Lounge and Club Room. If you didn't sign up, don't worry! You can still stop by and watch the 23 teams duke it out. There will be free food and the winners will receive cash prizes.

Junior Maggie Muir was sworn in at this week's meeting. Congratulations, Maggie! We have another vacancy in the junior class; if you're interested, contact Judicial Chair Jess Rummel.

The "Time of the Month" was held on Tuesday and the Judicial Committee will look into those issues and respond to everyone who filed a complaint. The Judicial Committee is also looking into restarting a campus recycling program.

Due to Thanksgiving break, we will not be meeting next week, but remember that you are always welcome at our meetings on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. in the McKelvey Theater. You can also contact us at sga@westminster.edu. Remember: we are here for you, so please give us your input! Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

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Froelich Named PAC's Player of the Year

Despite a lackluster end of the season for the Titan's on the football field—one Titan finished with the PAC conference's top honor. Junior running back Scott Froelich led the conference in rushing yards per game—so the conference has named him PLAYER OF THE YEAR. Froehlich was also named to the all-conference team along with several other Titan players.

New Uses For Road Kill

One Pennsylvania county is testing a new way of dealing with road killed. The state game commission is sponsoring a program that turns dead deer along the roads into fertilizer. The road kill is collected- taken to compost centers—and sent out as fertilizer. The pilot program's underway in Lehigh County and if successful could end up going statewide.

Tibetan Monks & Presbyterians

Westminster will reach out beyond its Presbyterian affiliation next month and welcome Tibetan Buddhist Monks to campus. The monks are followers of the Dalai Lama and belong to the Gaden Lhopa Monastery. They arrive on December 1st spending three days here — talking about Buddhism and demonstrating some of their religious art skills. The Tibetan Monk visit is part of Westminster's Religion and Religions series.

Speech Instructor Welcomes Twins

Assistant Professor of Speech Colleen Deisler and her husband C.J. will prepare to welcome home a special delivery this week. Deisler gave birth to twin girls on Sunday, November 16. Little Jamie arrived first at 6 pounds, 7 ounces followed by Julia at 6 pounds, 1 ounce. The new mom says she and the twins are doing well. Everyone should be allowed to head home later this week. Deisler tells Digital 88.9 News she's excited about being a new mom. But she also says she's looking forward to returning to the classroom at Westminster in the spring.

Westminster Men Ranked #2

The PAC Pre-season media poll ranks the Titan men's basketball team at #2 in the conference. The #1 spot went to Grove City. Sports writers also voted the Lady Titan basketball team #5. The women kick off their season away on Saturday at Wooster. The men's team starts the season with the home opener at the Field House on Friday.

Mock Convention Recruitment

Organizers of Westminster's upcoming Mock Convention are recruiting students to serve as State Chairs. A State Chair represents his or her state delegation and recruits delegates to serve for your state. Associate Professor of Political Science Jim Rhoads says the duties of state chairs would mean attending a few brief training sessions. The Mock Convention runs February 5th & 6th. It's been a Westminster tradition since 1936 and is the second oldest mock convention in the country.

Hepatitis Outbreak Infects 530 People

The Pennsylvania Health Department says the Hepatitis outbreak now has infected 530 people. The department also says it has now ruled out the 12 Chi-Chi's restaurant workers infected with Hepatitis-A as sources of the outbreak. Health Department officials confirm lab tests show the strain of Hepatitis here in Western Pennsylvania is similar to that found in smaller outbreaks in Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia.

Green Onions Yanked From Menus

Many local restaurants are pulling green onions from menus in the wake of the Hepatitis outbreak. Health officials won't say yet if green onions were involved at the Beaver Valley Mall Chi Chi's. However, Chi Chi's yanked the onion from all its restaurants late last week—Chi Chi's says the decision came after an isolated and limited Hepatitis outbreak in Tennessee that was traced to green onions.

Sodexho Pulls Green Onions in Cafeteria & Café

Sodexho manger Jeff Crevling says his staff has removed all green onions from the campus cafeteria and from the Orchard Street Café. Crevling says the move is a precaution. He says his staff always takes extra steps to prevent any kind of problem. Crevling says his staff also maintains high health and safety standards—like keeping food prep stations clean and keeping hot foods hot to prevent contamination.

New Chaplin On Duty

Westminster's new chaplain begins this week. The Reverend James R. Mohr II comes to the college from St. Andrews United Presbyterian Church in nearby Butler. The campus will hold a welcome reception next Monday afternoon from 3-4 in the Old Main tower room.

Slippery Weekend @ Slippery Rock

Westminster students were on hand for water traps and muddy trails over the weekend as Slippery Rock University lived up to it's name. S-R-U held it's annual Let's Get Dirty 5-K run on Saturday. It attracted 500 runners and hundreds more spectators from beyond Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties. To make the race more challenge, organizers call in the local fire department and flood it to make it harder and messier to maneuver.

Post-Registration Reminders

Registrar June Garner says you should check your schedule carefully now that you have your course schedule. She says you want to make sure you're taking the right classes to fulfill your requirements. Meanwhile, students who have mistakes or problems with their schedules can make changes when the spring semester begins in January. The add/drop period will give you a chance make changes and corrections. And for people getting internships over the winter break—The registrar's office will let you add those during the first week of December—but you'll need an add/drop card with all the required signatures.

WC Coaches Face Media

Westminster's swim coach along with the coaches of the men's and women's basketball teams face the media today in Pittsburgh. All three are taking part in the President's Athletic Conference Media Day at Mellon Arena. Coaches from all the school will hold a news conference—and talk one on one with reporters. The media will also participate in a poll and rank the teams in the conference. The results of that poll will go out later on Monday. Meanwhile Westminster's men's basketball team gears up for the season opener at the Field House on Friday. The women have their first game on Saturday—the Lady Titans play away at Wooster.

We Want You!

The Westminster College Mock Convention wants you to participate as a State Chair!

Responsibilities:

- Recruit delegates for your state
- Develop a state theme for the convention
- Develop a state platform

If you are interested in participating, email the Creditionals Committee at mock2004@westminster.edu

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Drug trafficker ring broken up in Luzerne County, PA

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) Seven people have been charged in a Luzerne County cocaine trafficking ring with alleged ties to New York City and St. Lucia in the Caribbean, authorities said.

The 19-month investigation dubbed "Operation Bone Crusher" brought down a four-tiered drug pyramid that includes suppliers and dealers, according to Wright Township police Chief Joseph Jacob.

Officials estimate the ring distributed more than 20 kilograms of cocaine during the past five months with a street value of more than $2 million. Federal, state, and local authorities were involved in the probe.

Among those charged were Raymond Fils-Aime and Luis "C-Dog" Reyes, both of West Hazleton. Police said they supplied cocaine to Daniel "Bones" Allegretto of Hazleton, who then allegedly supplied drugs to Erica Lawson of Freeland and Anthony Vetter of West Hazleton.

Allegretto also provided drugs to Shaun Fisher of Freeland, police said. Fisher, in turn, supplied to Stephen Koch of White Haven.

Frank Noonan, regional director of the state Office of Attorney General in Wilkes-Barre, said the investigation started in April 2002 with a small-time dealer.

"We got his supplier, then we went up on a wiretap and got his supplier," he said. "Then we went up on another wiretap and got his supplier."

The investigation is outlined in a 372-page affidavit of probable cause for arrests and searches. Drug buys occurred at shopping center and convenience store parking lots in the Mountain Top-Freeland-Hazleton areas.

Fils-Aime was arrested Tuesday on multiple drug charges and held at the Luzerne County Correctional Facility in lieu of $1 million bail, police said. Additional charges were filed Friday.

Also charged were Reyes, Koch, Fisher, Lawson, Vetter and Nicole Reimold of Hazleton. Reimold assisted Allegretto, her boyfriend, in distributing the drugs, police said. Allegretto remained at large.

Nabbing the bad guys, one red light at a time

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) About a third of red-light runners cited by a new program that uses cameras at intersections have not paid their fines, costing the city $98,000 so far.

The dozen cameras have issued about 9,000 citations since March when the city joined more than 90 communities around the country that use the electronic traffic police. Nearly 2,800 offenders haven't paid the $85 fine.

The cameras have won the praise of police departments but critics call them cash cows and a boon to companies that sell them.

The $35 the city gets from each paid ticket goes for new patrol cars. California-based Redflex Traffic Systems gets $50. The money owed to the city and Redflex is $238,000, according to police.

"The first of the year, we'll start prosecuting," City Manager Jim Dinneen said. "We cannot take 2,800 cases to court. We'll take the worst ones, the ones with multiple offenses."

So far, $110,426 in fines have been collected, said Tom Biedenharn, the city's director of public affairs. As of Thursday, 3,919 citations had been paid. Another 2,281 were being processed.

The dozen cameras take three pictures, one of the car entering the intersection, one of the car going through and a close-up of the license plate. They also take 12-second full-motion video. Citations are mailed to the vehicles' owners.

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The magnitude of violations surprised the city, Dinneen said.

"This is the greatest awareness tool we've ever had. We now think we needed it even more than we originally thought," he said. "We may see reason to expand the program."

Many communities regard the violations as a criminal offense and issue warrants if fines aren't paid, said Joe Moore, a regional representative for Redflex.

But in Toledo and Dayton, the violations are still legally a civil matter. No points are added to the violator's Ohio driver's license.

"We're assessing if we need to work for change in ... state law to help with enforcement," Dinneen said.

Toledo started its red-light camera program in 2001 and collections in the last two years have been about 75 percent, Moore said.

Toledo recently contracted with Redflex to increase cameras from 20 to 30. Each camera averages about 100 citations a month.

Running traffic signals accounts for 22 percent of crashes, accounting for 800 deaths and 2,000 injuries each year, according to the Arlington, Va.-based Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

"This was never about percentage of collections. The fine was not to enrich the city. It's about safety," Dinneen said.

Regional Briefs

Murderer faces deportation

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP) A woman from El Salvador faces 15 to 30 years in prison and could then be deported after admitting that she shot her husband in the back of the head and tried to cover it up by saying that he had killed himself.

Delmy Beatrice Kelly, 29, pleaded guilty on Monday to third-degree homicide and apologized for the Dec. 21 shooting of Jack Kelly, 27, in their South Strabane home, about 25 miles southwest of Pittsburgh.

"I will spend all these years in prison, but that will not bring Mr. Kelly back," she said. "I loved my husband too."

Police said Kelly shot her husband with a .22-caliber revolver and then went to a nearby tavern to report that he had committed suicide. An autopsy found no gunpowder around the wound or on his hands.

Police said Kelly confessed to the shooting after being confronted with statements by two Fayette County Jail inmates who told police that she had admitted having shot her husband.

Bank robber pays for her crimes

PITTSBURGH (AP) A woman avoided prison but will have to repay $7,000 that prosecutors said she helped steal from banks and check cashing businesses as part of a bank fraud scheme.

Dyanne Croumbles, 44, of Pittsburgh, was sentenced to three years of probation on Monday. She pleaded guilty in May to possessing a bogus check made by Melvin Green as part of the scheme, which authorities said garnered more than $100,000.

Green, 36, of Munhall, pleaded guilty in July to bank fraud and was sentenced to six years, eight months in prison.

Croumbles' attorney, federal public defender Lisa Freeland, declined comment.

Life without parole

PITTSBURGH (AP) A man was sentenced to life in prison without parole for bludgeoning his 72-year-old neighbor to death with an ashtray and then pawning her television set for $20 to buy crack.

Allegheny County Judge Lawrence O'Toole on Monday sentenced Albert Tolbert, who was convicted of first-degree murder Sept. 12 in the death of Beatrice Gales, 72, on Nov. 2, 2002.

Tolbert, 50, of Pittsburgh, was also sentenced to 10 to 20 years in prison for robbery.

Police said Tolbert, who was squatting in a nearby apartment, decided to visit Gales, who had been friendly with him. Tolbert told police the two sat and talked but he then decided to rob her.

Tolbert testified that he was drunk and craving more drugs when he struck Gales 20 times with a heavy ashtray. He tried to kill himself by cutting his wrists with glass three days after the slaying and then confessed to investigators, police said.

Caretaker kills patient

ALTOONA, Pa. (AP) A 71-year-old paralyzed woman died after she was allegedly threatened by her caretaker with a knife during an argument last weekend, authorities said.

Dorothy Lucas, of Altoona, died Sunday night of an apparent heart attack following a fight with Gary Pepple, who police say had lived with the woman for the past 15 years, authorities said.

"Mr. Pepple said they had this argument, and she was highly upset," Altoona police Chief Janice Freehling said. "He pulled a knife on her and made threats to her."

After Pepple was arrested, Lucas appeared to have trouble breathing and was taken to a hospital.

Pepple was being held in the Blair County Jail on Monday on charges of assault, harassment, reckless endangerment and other offenses. Authorities said it was not clear if he would be charged in Lucas' death.

He did not have a listed phone number and it was not clear whether he had an attorney.

NATIONAL

Long winded democrats successfully stale insertion of more judicial nominees

WASHINGTON (AP) After 40 hours of nonstop talking organized by Republicans to protest filibusters on judicial nominees, Senate Democrats added two more Friday to the list of judges they have stalled successfully.

Democrats declared the longest uninterrupted Senate debate in 15 years a victory for their side. Republicans warned that the Democrats' methods could come back to haunt them.

In each of three successive votes Friday morning, Republicans secured 53 votes to advance the judicial nominees to a final confirmation vote. That was seven short of the 60 needed to overcome Democratic resistance.

As in similar confrontations on judges this year, the only Democrats to side with the 51 Senate Republicans were Sens. Ben Nelson of Nebraska and Zell Miller of Georgia.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said Democrats were energized by the GOP-staged talkfest. "The other side seems to think they can just intimidate us," he said. "We are not going to let the president take the judiciary and move it out of the mainstream."

But Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., said some Republicans already are plotting revenge for the day when a Democratic president tries to get his judges approved. His colleagues are saying, "We'll have our opportunity someday, and we'll make sure there's not another liberal judge. Ever!" Santorum said.

With votes of 53-42, 53-43 and 53-43, the Senate failed to move the nominations of Texas judge Priscilla Owen and California judges Carolyn Kuhl and Janice Rogers Brown to appeals court positions.

Bush, who met with the three nominees Thursday at the White House, said the Senate action "is inconsistent with the Senate's constitutional responsibility and is just plain wrong."

"Once again a partisan minority of senators has thwarted the will of the majority and stood in the way of voting on superb judicial nominees," he said in a statement.

It was the first such vote for Kuhl and Brown, increasing to six the number of appellate court nominations stalled by Democratic filibusters. The other four are Owen, defeated for a fourth time, Mississippi judge Charles Pickering, Alabama Attorney General William Pryor and Hispanic lawyer Miguel Estrada. Estrada dropped his nomination after losing nine filibuster votes.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said that despite losing the votes Republicans, by holding the debate, had communicated "to people around the world that we today cannot accept the unprecedented" filibustering of judicial nominations.

Democrats defended their record of joining in the approval of 168 judges while objecting to only six. They also pointed out that during the Clinton administration Republicans used various other methods to keep Democratic-backed judges off the bench, including refusing to give nominees committee hearings necessary for the full Senate's consideration.

The appellate courts can be a stepping-stone to a Supreme Court seat, increasing Democratic scrutiny of nominations in dispute. Democrats claimed they did not represent American public opinion or legal precedent on such issues as abortion, affirmative action and religion in public affairs.

The message to the president, said Sen. Debby Stabenow, D-Mich., after the three women nominees were rejected, is that "just because a nominee is wearing a skirt, ... it does not mean she respects the values and priorities of American women."

"The other side has now established a litmus test of political philosophy, and if they don't meet it, they don't cut it," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho.

The debate was originally scheduled to go 30 hours but was extended through a second night, to almost 40 hours, at the request of several junior Republican senators who wanted more time to talk. It was the longest continuous debate since a 57-hour marathon on Senate election campaign legislation in 1988.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said the talkathon had cost American taxpayers almost $82,000 an hour, or nearly $2 million a day, in Senate operating expenses. "This circus is not only wasting time, but also wasting taxpayer dollars," Lautenberg said.

Democrats were allotted half the debate time, using it both to defend their position on judges and assail the administration's economic policies.

Student expelled from dorm for misconduct, still expected to attend class

RANDOLPH CENTER, Vt. (AP) The parents of a student who has quit Vermont Technical College after being expelled from his dorm for two weeks in an alleged "gay bashing" incident are threatening legal action.

School officials accused Rob Provost, 18, of "gay-bashing" after he wrote some swearwords on a sign two dorm mates had put on their door in retaliation for being squirted with a water gun. Provost's message suggested they had been performing a homosexual act too frequently.

"It was a joke between me and two dorm mates," Provost said from his South Weymouth, Mass., home on Sunday. "They squirted water on me and we were just messing around."

A resident assistant came on the scene and found Provost in his room writing on the sign, Provost said. The resident assistant reported the matter to school authorities.

As punishment, Provost was evicted from his dorm for two weeks. He was still allowed to attend classes. His parents, Gloria Austrich and Jerry Provost, said they became alarmed when they learned their son was sleeping in his car or trying to stay up all night.

His parents called the sanction dangerous. "Make him wash the whole damn building, but don't put him out in the cold," Jerry Provost said.

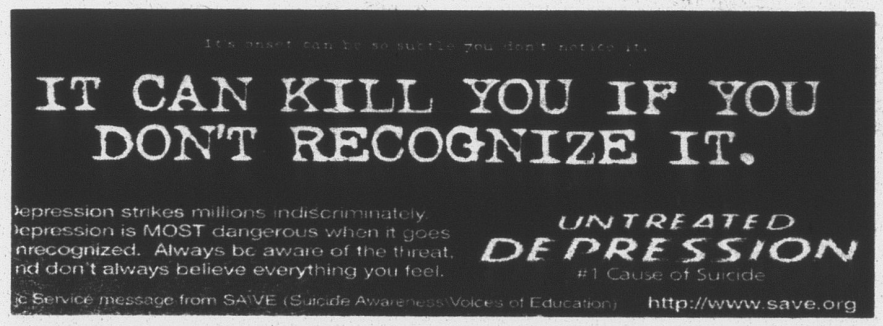
College officials refused to comment on the case. College President Allan Rodgers and Vermont State Colleges attorney, Mary McKenzie, defended expulsion from dorms as a viable sanction for students who violate college policy or break the law.

VTC is part of the Vermont State Colleges system. Other schools in the system also remove students from dorms and request that they attend classes. The state's largest college, the University of Vermont, does not.

Last Wednesday, when Rob Provost was to return to his dorm, college officials extended his dorm suspension for four weeks until the end of the semester. He violated the terms of the suspension by sneaking back into the dorm early in the morning for warmth, he and his parents said.

Austrich met with school officials on Thursday afternoon in an attempt to gather information from the college. Austrich, who has contacted two lawyers, plans to bring legal action against the school. The punishment procedure lacked due process and violated Provost's right to free speech, his mother said.

She notified the school on Friday that her son was leaving.



National Briefs

Smith stalker convicted

LOS ANGELES (AP) An ex-boyfriend of former Playboy Playmate Anna Nicole Smith was convicted Monday of making criminal threats against her.

Mark Hatten, 35, was found guilty of the felony after two days of deliberation by a Van Nuys Superior Court jury.

Jurors acquitted Hatten of two other counts that alleged he stalked Smith and made criminal threats against her neighbor, Rene Navarro.

The jury also convicted Hatten of two other felony counts, assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury and battery. Those counts involved an altercation with Navarro.

Hatten punched, knocked Navarro down and then kicked him after being told to leave Smith alone, Deputy District Attorney David Stuart said.

Hatten is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 11 and faces up to eight years and eight months in state prison.

During Hatten's trial, Smith testified that she had a brief sexual relationship with him in 2000 that ended when he approached her with a knife in her home.

Hatten claimed they had an on-again, off-again relationship, the prosecutor said.

Smith, 35, became a reality TV star when "The Anna Nicole Show" began airing on E! Entertainment Television.

Environmental offendered punished

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) The lead environmental official of Tyco International's Stafford subsidiary pleaded guilty to violating the federal Clean Water Act Monday in U.S. District Court.

Daniel R. Callahan, 39, of East Windsor, admitted falsifying documents to conceal a Manchester plant's illegal discharge of toxic wastewater, The Hartford Courant reported Tuesday.

He is scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 6. The charge carries up to three years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

Callahan is the director of environmental health and safety for the Stafford division of Tyco Printed Circuit Group.

Two other Tyco workers have pleaded guilty to violating the Clean Water Act for wastewater violations at the same plant. Anthony Dadalt and Robert Smith reported to Callahan.

One of Callahan's main jobs was to oversee Tyco's waste treatment facility at the Manchester factory, which had equipment to treat wastewater and remove high levels of toxic metals, including copper, according to information presented in court.

Callahan acknowledged in court that he assisted in the falsification of reports submitted to the state Department of Environmental Protection in order to conceal the illegal discharge of wastewater. The case was investigated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"This case demonstrates EPA's commitment to hold individuals responsible for falsifying reports to the DEP," said Michael Hubbard, special agent in charge of the EPA's Criminal Investigation Division.

Abortion bomber denied bond

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) A federal judge denied bond Monday for a man accused of plotting to blow up several abortion clinics.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Ann E. Vitunac said prosecutors had shown that Stephen John Jordi, 35, was dangerous and should not be released from jail. Jordi was arrested last week after casing clinics, studying bomb-making and buying materials to make bombs, according to the FBI and court documents.

Jordi's attorney, Marc Seitles, argued that Jordi had no plans to act on his anti-abortion beliefs until a government informant started urging him to carry out attacks.

INTERNATIONAL

Polish seek compensation for damage delt to their country during World War II

WARSAW, Poland (AP) Polish-German relations face new strains from growing efforts in Poland to force Germany to pay compensation for World War II damages.

A group of conservative Polish lawmakers last week submitted a draft resolution that would authorize the government to demand war compensation that could by some estimates reach 450 billion zloty (US$112 billion). And Warsaw Mayor Lech Kaczynski recently asked a group of experts to assess the devastation that the Nazis inflicted on the occupied Polish capital.

Both initiatives face considerable political and legal hurdles.

Germany has painstakingly rebuilt relations with Poland since the collapse of communism in 1989 ended the division of Europe. Most recently, Berlin has strongly backed Warsaw's drive to join the European Union.

But the strong formal ties only partly conceal still bitter memories of wartime suffering among Germans as well as Poles.

Relations have tensed over calls from an organization of ethnic Germans expelled from eastern lands at the end of World War II for a memorial to war refugees in Berlin.

Backers insist the monument would be dedicated to refugees of all Europe's 20th century wars. But Polish critics say the monument could become a symbol of fading remorse for Nazi Germany's crimes.

Some Poles, meanwhile, want safeguards against German compensation claims to be inserted into the European Union's new draft constitution - a cause the Warsaw government has yet to raise in Brussels.

A lawmaker for the bloc pressing for war claims in Poland's parliament said they are acting now to counter possible demands from Germans forced out of present-day western Poland once Poland joins the European Union next May.

After the Third Reich's 1945 collapse, an estimated 12.5 million Germans lost their ancestral homes in present-day Poland, Czech Republic and other parts of eastern Europe.

The draft resolution would oblige the government "to exact reparations from Germany for war damages suffered by Poland during World War II," Antoni Macierewicz, a lawmaker from the Catholic-National Movement, told The Associated Press on Monday. "It's our reaction to claims by Germans to regain land and property left behind."

Some German politicians have supported those claims, referring to a 1992 ruling in Germany's Constitutional Court which said that German expellee's property claims are still valid.

Poland's EU accession treaty already includes provisos that restrict the freedom of foreigners to buy property in Poland.

Still, liberal Polish lawmakers don't expect the new resolution to go very far, pointing out that Poland's former communist regime formally renounced war compensation claims in 1952.

"Such initiatives only heat up the temperature in Polish-German relations and fuel the spiral of mutual claims," said Bogdan Klich of the Civic Platform. "It will turn against us."

British protest President Bush's policies and Tony Blair's involvement

LONDON (AP) Children, peace activists, anarchists and at least one well-known American war veteran spent Monday planning protests against President Bush for his upcoming state visit.

The rallies scheduled during Bush's visit beginning Tuesday are expected to be loud, colorful and well-organized. One plans to pull down an effigy of Bush in central London's Trafalgar Square.

"This is the man who is in charge of the administration that's killed 8,000 Afghanis and 10,000 Iraqis," said Ghada Razuki of the Stop the War Coalition. "He is adding insult to injury by coming to our country, and he's going to find out that he's not welcome."

Ron Kovic, the disabled U.S. Vietnam veteran and anti-war campaigner whose life story was filmed as "Born on the Fourth of July," led a delegation to Prime Minister Tony Blair's office Monday to hand in a petition allegedly bearing more than 85,000 signatures asking that Bush's invitation be withdrawn.

"We're going to stop this war (in Iraq) and change both of our countries. We're going to change the world," Kovic said.

The coalition hopes 60,000 people will join Thursday's main anti-Bush march through London. More than 3,000 "Stop Bush" placards have been printed.

Several smaller rallies are planned throughout the country during Bush's stay, which ends Friday.

The president says he understands why people oppose war.

"I understand particularly when I go and hug the moms and dads and brothers and sisters and sons and daughters of those who died," Monday's edition of The Sun newspaper in London quoted him as saying.

"I can also see the consequences of not acting, of hoping for the best in the face of tyrannical killers."

The Stop the War Coalition organized a February anti-war rally in London that drew more than 1 million Britons.

"Our message to Bush is firstly, get your troops out, and secondly, if you think you can go into another country in the same way, think again," Razuki said.

Several other European anti-war groups - including France's Non a la Guerre (No to War), Italy's Ya Basta (Enough's Enough) and the Axis of Peace Coalition of France, Germany and Russia - will participate.

The rallies also are expected to attract hundreds of schoolchildren. Verity Marriott, 16, who is organizing student "strikes," called it truancy for a good cause.

Sir John Stevens, head of the Metropolitan Police in London, said security for Bush's visit is unprecedented. Stevens canceled holidays for London officers and the security bill for taxpayers is expected to top $4.7 million.

The protests feed on widespread unhappiness in Britain about the war and its aftermath, and low regard for Bush.

In a recent poll, 59 percent of respondents said America's standing in the world has diminished under Bush, while 60 percent disapproved of his performance in Iraq. Forty-seven percent said Bush did not seem capable of being president.

International Briefs

Marines hurt while training

MANILA, Philippines (AP) Two U.S. Marines in a joint military exercise with Filipino troops were seriously injured in separate accidents at a military camp south of Manila, officials said Tuesday.

The two members of the Third Marine Expeditionary Forces were injured last week at a Philippine marine base in Ternate, some 50 kilometers (30 miles) southwest of Manila, U.S. military spokesman Capt. Dennis Williams said.

One fell off a cliff and suffered a back injury, and the other had a bad fall down a mountain and experienced brain swelling that required emergency surgery, Williams said.

The two men, whose names were not given, were airlifted to a Manila hospital for treatment.

The soldiers were part of more than 800 U.S. Marines and sailors, mostly based in Okinawa, Japan, who took part in the ground-air Talon Vision maneuvers with Philippine troops that ended Monday.

Williams said he was not aware of the soldiers' medical status. But Sgt. Mike Renner, reached at the exercise' operation center, said he heard the injured men were recovering.

Kitesurfer blown off course

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) What a way to get home.

A kitesurfer caught by a gust of wind was hurled about 50 meters (160 feet) over trees before crashing onto the roof of his own house in the seaside village of Pohara on New Zealand's South Island, local media reported Tuesday.

Kitesurfers use a kite to tow themselves across the waves while their feet are strapped to a small surfboard.

The 43-year-old man, whose name was not released, was hospitalized for a punctured lung and serious chest and shoulder injuries. His condition was stable, police said.

Senior constable Crispin Lee said a wind gust hit the kitesurfer Monday when he was already about four meters (14 feet) in the air.

He was blown over the trees, crashed onto the house roof and then slipped down on to a fence, Lee said.

Neighbor Trudy Charlett was walking on the beach when the accident took place.

"It gave me a shock," she said. "One minute he was waving to me from the edge of the tide, the next thing I saw him flying through the air."

Pohara is near Nelson city, about 145 kilometers (90 miles) west of the capital, Wellington.

Straight out of Loony Toons

SINGAPORE (AP) Thrill-seekers in Singapore can be catapulted skyward by a giant rubber band starting Wednesday in the city-state's latest bid to shake off its stuffy image.

The operator of the reverse bungee jump over Clarke Quay, a popular tourist area in Singapore, said Tuesday that he expects locals to be lining up for the 30-Singapore-dollar (US$17) ride.

"Initially, it will be dominated by the Singapore market. I suspect there will be a lot of Singaporeans who want to get on the ride," said Robert Seabrook, the owner of Frontier Sports.

"We were absolutely thrilled when the prime minister personally gave us his approval."

Prime Minster Goh Chok Tong announced his decision to allow reverse bungee jumping in July during a speech encouraging Singapore's usually timid population to take more risks.

"If we want our people to make more decisions for themselves, and if we are to encourage a derring-do society, we must allow risk taking, and a little excitement," he said.

Singapore built its wealth as a manufacturing center for electronics. But faced with growing competition from India and China, the tiny, resource-poor city state wants to remake itself into an arts and media center, and has relaxed censorship laws and allowed bar-top dancing to shed its staid image.

Harry Potter breaks a quarter billion

LONDON (AP) The five books in the Harry Potter series have collectively sold a quarter of a billion copies, author J.K. Rowling's agent said Monday.

The immensely popular stories chronicling the adventures of a boy wizard have been translated into 60 languages and sold all around the world. Rowling is working on the sixth installment and plans seven in all.

"We are delighted J.K. Rowling's books continue to win new fans internationally and look forward to introducing Harry Potter to yet more readers in the furthest parts of the globe," said her agent, Christopher Little.

SPORTS

Men's basketball team prepares to hit the courts

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

The Titans' Men's Basketball team enters the 2003-2004 campaign under the direction of first-year head coach Larry Ondako.

Ondako served as the top assistant to former Titan head coach Jim Dafler.

Ondako graduated from Westminster in 1993. During his playing days, he tallied over 1000 points.

Ondako is joined on the coaching staff by another former member of the Titan organization. Ben O'Connor, who played for the Titans from 1995 until 1997 before transferring to Duquesne, joins the Titan staff.

On the court this season, the Titans man a squad without any seniors.

They'll be looking to focus on becoming a solid "team," "Our guys have to buy into what our philosophies are as a coaching staff and they have done a great job with that," Student Assistant Coach Corey Utz said.

With no seniors, juniors forward Pat O'Connor and guard Chris Hatch, both All-PAC performers in 2003-2004, will likely be called upon as the team leaders.

O'Connor explained that both he and Hatch bring experience to a rather young Titan roster, "Almost always is it the older guy's role to assume the leadership role, but we also bring a lot more. With Hatch and I returning we bring our leadership and experience more than anything."

Along with O'Connor and Hatch, sophomore guard Brian Fadden and sophomore forward Micah Delo return as players who earned significant action in last year's campaign.

The loss of center Greg Foster to graduation has left a void in the paint. That, coupled with a lack of size, raises an interesting issue for the Titans.

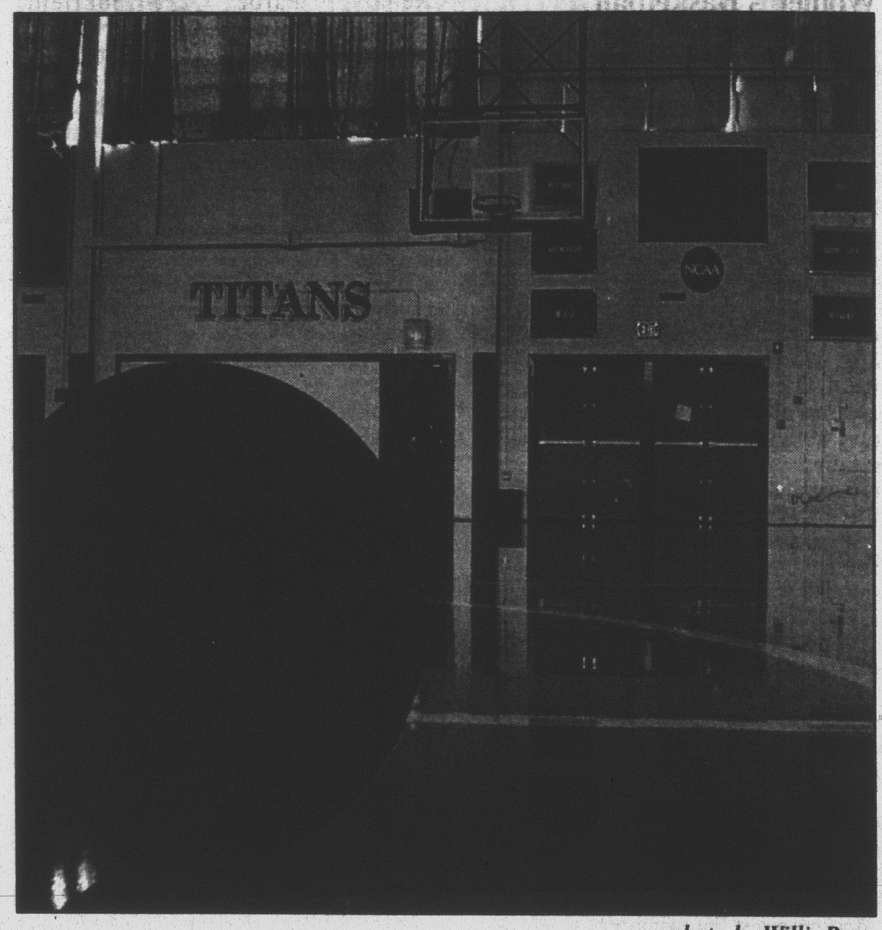
The Titans will look to employ a center by committee approach, while seeking to utilize a very quick team.

"We don't really have much size, so we've had to change our style of play," Hatch said. "Our best post players will most likely be Delo, O'Connor, and [Randall] Poindexter."

New Titans that will be looking to make an immediate impact include Mark Demonao, Dom Joseph and Poindexter.

The Titans tip-off the season in the annual Buzz Ridl Classic over the weekend of November 21 and 22.

The Titans will begin President's Athletic Conference competition on January 17 when the Thiel Tomcats visit Westminster.



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The Titan Men's Basketball Team plays the first game of the season at Buzz Ridl Stadium at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21

Ohio State vs Michigan highlights

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

The one-hundredth meeting of the Ohio State, Michigan game will be played in Ann Arbor this Saturday afternoon. The Ohio State, Michigan game is not only one of the greatest rivalries in college football, but in all of sports. The hatred felt towards the other school and the history between them is un-comparable to any other two teams in college football. These two teams have met ninety-nine times. Yet it seems that every time they meet, the Big Ten Championship and a trip to Pasadena is at stake.

And that will be the case this year as well. Ohio State is coming into Saturday's match up with an over record of 10-1, and they currently hold the second spot in the BCS rankings. Michigan is ranked number five in the AP poll and would love to spoil the Buckeye's chance of repeating as National Champions.

Michigan's season has been the tale of two completely different teams. You never know what team your going to get. One week they can be the best team in the country (ask Notre Dame and Purdue), and the next week they go on the road and lose to a below-average Oregon team. Consistency has been a huge problem for Michigan this year, especially on the road.

The Wolverines certainly don't play like a top five team away from the Big House. Even with a senior quarterback who has gone through so much adversity during his tenure at Michigan, they still seem to collapse at the most opportune times.

Fortunately for Michigan fans, the game will be played in there own backyard; which gives them a huge advantage.

The Buckeyes will once again come into this game as the underdog; a role that they are used to being in for big games such as this one. They were doubted last year at home against Michigan and they won. All the analysts doubted them last January, giving them absolutely no shot to beat Miami in the Fiesta Bowl.

What happened in that game again? Oh yeah, that's right. They won. Ohio State has been called out on numerous occasions this season too. No one gave them a chance to repeat as National Champions. The media said that there inability to blow teams out would eventually come back to haunt, that they wouldn't be able to sneak by teams like they did so many times last year.

I never understood there reasoning behind those theories. Ohio State is not the type of team that is going to put up sixty points in a game and blow out teams like Purdue and Iowa. That's not Jim Tressel's style of football. Defense and special teams are what he preaches. And yeah, that's going to result in closer games and more headaches for the fans, but it also gets the job done.

That's why Tressel is one of the premier coaches in Division I football today. He finds a way to win and he gets his players to believe in his system.

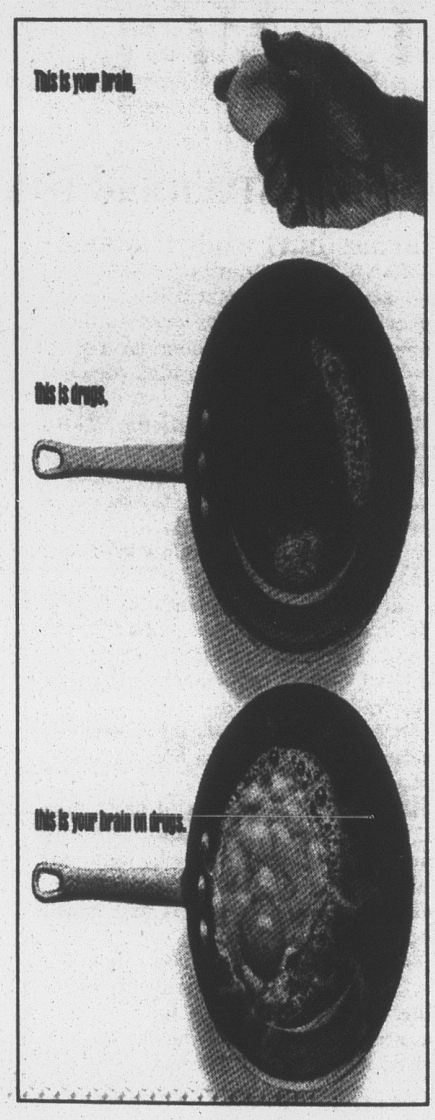
Jim Tressel will always give his team a chance to win. Very rarely will you see an Ohio State football team come into a game unprepared. Michigan is an excellent football team and they should beat Ohio State on Saturday.

When they are playing there best football, Michigan can play with any team in the country (including Oklahoma). John Navarre is going to have to be able to throw the football on Saturday, because I don't see them running the ball very much against that Ohio State front four. Navarre has waited for this game for over a year now. This will be his last shot to beat Ohio State.

If Navarre can play solid, not make the big mistake, and put his team into a position to win, Michigan should be fine. Will he do that though?

I don't think so though. Navarre has never played well against Ohio State and I don't see him performing this Saturday either. This is gutsy, but I believe in Tressel's game plan and that's why I like the Buckeyes to win.

Ohio State wins, 16-13.



Sports shorts

Women's Basketball

Youth will be served on the 2003-04 Westminster College women's basketball team. After graduating five seniors who dominated playing time for the past four seasons, the Lady Titans enter the upcoming season with new faces and a new outlook, one filled with hope for the future.

Second-year head coach Rosanne Scott, along with second-year assistant coach Katie Miller, are working with a program which returns just one starter and six letterwinners from last year's 10-17 squad. The 14-player preseason roster features two seniors who have seen limited playing time in their careers, five juniors, one sophomore and six freshmen

For Scott, the change in personnel has resulted in a change in her coaching strategy. "There are a lot of new faces, which has been a challenge," said Scott. "There has been a lot more time spent teaching and working with fundamentals this year, as opposed to having a senior-dominated team a year ago. Even the upperclassmen need to be taught, because their playing time has been so limited.

"That being said, the team is working very hard and getting to know each other. We're just concentrating on getting players used to the system and each other."

Leading the 2003-04 Lady Titans will be the senior duo of guards Rena Paroz (Brookfield, OH/Brookfield H.S.) and Sarah Scott (Bear Lake/Eisenhower H.S.). Paroz played in five games a year ago, her first season with the program, while Scott has played in 22 games in her three seasons at Westminster. However, the turnover in personnel means both will have the opportunity to secure additional minutes this winter.

"Our seniors are working hard and fighting for a spot, just like everyone else," noted Scott. "Both Rena and Sarah bring great enthusiasm and a positive attitude to practice every day, which has helped the underclass players not get frustrated when things get tough."

The bulk of the returnees reside in the five-player junior class, led by the team's lone returning starter, forward Erica Tallo (Oakdale/West Allegheny H.S.). Tallo led the team in rebounding and blocked shots and tied for the team lead in scoring a year ago, earning her a spot on the All-PAC Second Team. She will clearly be the "go-to" player for the Lady Titans this season

"Erica has a lot more confidence in herself this season," said Scott. "She realizes she's the one that needs to step up and be consistent every game. She is really taking on that challenge, which shows her growing maturity."

Three players who were key reserves a year ago will all try to break into the starting lineup this winter. Forward Mary Jane Eaton (Rimersburg/Union H.S.) was impressive in a three-game stint as a starter at midseason, while point guard Alyson Gasper (Beaver Falls/Blackhawk H.S.) and shooting guard Erin Morrow (Sandy Lake/Lakeview H.S.) also received significant playing time in 2002-03.

Junior guard Michelle Ripper (New Brighton/New Brighton H.S.) and sophomore forward Sonya Cole (Youngstown, OH/Austintown Fitch H.S.) round out the returnees, as both will look for additional minutes after seeing limited action a year ago.

Scott believes that, despite their lack of experience, the returnees may surprise some people this season. "As a group, they have all matured greatly from last year to this year. They are really working well together. I think they understand that this is their team now, and they want to take advantage of the opportunity."

The six-player recruiting class, Scott's first class as head coach, includes several players expected to garner immediate playing time this winter. Players to watch include forward Talley Felger (Petersburg, OH/Springfield Local H.S.) and guards Rachel Eaton (Rimersburg/Union H.S.) (younger sister of Mary Jane), Desiree Sterling (Newton Falls, OH/Newton Falls H.S.), Nicole Fee (New Castle/Neshannock H.S.), Katie Roycroft (Pittsburgh/Our Lady of Sacred Heart H.S.) and Joselyn Parker (Youngstown, OH/Chaney H.S.).

Although several will likely get minutes, Scott expects the newcomers to go through a period of adjustment this season. "The freshmen are still catching on, trying to learn how we do things. It's a transition from high school that will be ongoing this season. That being said, they all work hard and have great attitudes. I expect several of them to step up for us - they just have to earn it like everyone else."

Scott knows the Presidents' Athletic Conference race will be a difficult one in 2003-04. Several teams, include defending PAC champion Washington & Jefferson, Grove City and Bethany, return the bulk of their teams from a year ago. "Fortunately, we don't start league play right away," she said. "I expect us to be a much better team when conference play starts in January."

With such a young and inexperienced squad, Scott is reluctant to set a specific goal with regards to wins or finish in the conference. Instead, the focus is on continual improvement, both individually as players and as a team.

"Our goal for 2003-04 is simple: to get better. No one expects much from us this year because of our youth, which is a real contrast from last season. There's no pressure on us at all. It's up to our players to go out and respond to the challenge."

DANCE TEAM, TONIGHT, HALFTIME

Tonight, the first-ever Westminster College Dance Team will perform during halftime at the Buzz Ridl Classic. Come check out the hottest new group on campus as they perform to music by Missy Elliot, Outkast, 50 Cent, and others.

6 pm and 8 pm TONIGHT

The team will perform during halftime at both men's and women's home basketball games throughout the season

Dance Team 2003: (back L-R) Jollene Weister, Sarah Hohman, Heidi Kracker, Jess Bailey, Kristal Seale, Kelly Johnson (front L-R) Kristen Kulick, Alycia McCullough, Tara Timpano, Tara Tomczyk

OPINION

Rant and Rave

Political signs waste a lot of paper

I love the movies on the weekends! Keep them coming.

I seem to be feeling as if they aren't charging enough for food. I think they need all my limbs.

Mike Super didn't pick me, but she got a rose and he got a T-shirt

I give and give and want nothing in return...except for certain people to get hit by a bus...

Bathroom stall says, "X7777 call for a good time!"

You can't get a college student to come to a meeting unless you offer free food.

Laying on the floor in MCC is dirty.

We're goin' streakin!

I don't think anyone else appreciates how sad the lyrics to "Boys of Summer" really are.

Laramie Rocked!

I think his tractor's sexy.

So I walked out of the library and there was a squirrel. So I walked toward it and tried to be its friend. I didn't want him to feel rejected.

I'm not a magician but I sure do make magic happen!

Dumbest movie ever: Cold Creek Manor

Hibbity Jibbity!

I found Nemo.

I love the Macy's Day Parade.

Shoot me. Please?

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinons.

Our View: Dorm Communication

Unless you have been blessed by the room drawing gods and have one of the sacred singles, everyone has to put up with a roommate. Most first year students do not have a choice who they will live with during the first year of the most important years of their development since the Oral Stage. Upperclassmen have a bit more say in their destiny. Still, senior or freshie, if you live in the dorms chances are you live with someone else. And chances are, no matter how close you are with your roomie, you are going to disagree on a good number of things.

From bed times, to music, to choice in the company they keep, roommates can come to head on a number of different situations. But before you go taking a sharp pointed object to your roommate's skull, take a moment to consider this technique to facilitate inter-room relations.

The first and last item on the Good-Roommate Seal of Approval should always be communication. Talk. To. Your. Roommate. This does more than fix broken ties, it prevents them too.

Remember a quiet room breeds discontent.

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The deep meanings of the universe are not q requirement for healthy roommate relations, but a "Hey, did you catch Sponge Bob yesterday?" should be sufficient. If you never talk to your roommate, be it about something dumb, something deep, or something that tans your hide rotten, then you will never know what is going on in his head.

If you refuse to spark conversation, then all the little things he does become personal attacks. Does he leave his socks in the middle of the room because he hates you, or just because he's lazy? Does he stay up till 3 a.m. because he wants to induce chronic sleep deprivation on your already dead tired self, or does he just want to finish the paper he has due at 8:10 the next day?

Yes, the first semester is almost over, but it is never too late to start delving into your roommate's inner workings. The more you talk about the stupid things in life, the easier it will be to discuss those deeper universe type things. Even well established friends, who have been rooming together for years, need conversation every now and again.

Shoot the breeze and spread the love.

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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

When I went to see the Laramie Project this weekend, I sat next to a first year student who was there because the show was a requirement for Inquiry. The kid had never heard of it and asked what it was about, to which I replied, "It's a true story about Matthew Shepard, who was tied to a fence, beaten, and killed because he was homosexual." This young man's response: a chuckle and a "Ha! That's fun!" He continued by criticizing one of our peers, labeling him with a discriminatory term. I proceeded to tell this boy how the student he was mocking is very well liked and respected by both genders at the school. He responded, "Well, not with me."

Being quite the talker, this young man continued revealing more about himself (Why? I have no clue). He earned just above a 700 on his SATS and graduated with barely a 2.0. How is this kid in our school, you ask? Oh. He plays football. And since Westminster does not grant athletic scholarships, this means he is probably receiving an academic scholarship so the entire Westminster community may be graced with his godly athletic presence.

Now I know not all football players lack this much intelligence and respect for others, so I am not completely against giving money to gifted athletes—as long as they can read as well as perform. The point of this letter is that I thought Westminster College had standards as to who can come here. Not only academically, but personally as well. The mission statement says that one of the main goals of the college is for students to "develop and demonstrate moral and ethical commitments to neighbor, society, and the natural world." This is supposed to be a place for all of us to grow as individuals, which is even more important than our scholastic endeavors.

So you would think watching the Laramie Project had at least some affect on this unworldly first year student. Too bad the ignorant fool fell asleep for most of the performance. My suggestion for this young man and those who share his values: seek out the nearest transfer application because hate is not a Westminster value and that type of attitude is just not acceptable here.

Sincerely,
Heather Storm

Dear Editors,

Thank you Theater Westminster for such a wonderful performance/portrayal of such a tragic event. Your efforts were tremendous and it was very obvious you put your hearts into every aspect of the play. The issue is controversial, but your powerful execution demonstrated the theme you were making: HOPE.

Congratulations to all who helped in making this the success it was and best wishes to each of you!

Appreciatively,
Coach Renninger(Scooter)

Dear Editors,

On Saturday, November 15 I had the opportunity to return to the campus to view Theatre Westminster's production of "The Laramie Project." My compliments to the director, cast, and crew for their excellent production. This drama exemplifies the best of the live theater experience: not only informative and entertaining, but also an opportunity for growth, discussion, and self-examination by the actors, audience, and community as a whole. Congratulations on a job well done.

Incidentally, I picked up a copy of the November 14 Holcad and was amused to read a front page story and an editorial bemoaning the long lines and frustration of the registration process. It's nice to know that some things never change at Westminster!

Christopher Yahn
Class of 1975

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris

Elf

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

Tis the season to be saturated in crap that Hollywood bathes us in every year. Sure it's Oscar season, but if you're not into the heavy drama or period pieces, then there's nothing much left but the almost certain idiocy of the Christmas movies! There have been some in the past that speak to everyone, like It's A Wonderful Life. Other's have their personal favorite (Die Hard comes to mind!). And then there's some like a Christmas Story that grab a generation and give them a big warm hug near the fireplace (or TV set) every December. Sadly though, students here at Westminster College were essentially robbed of a classic for our generation. Technically A Christmas Story belongs to those before us. Realize that the freshman and most of the sophomores weren't even born when it was released! Well, our time has past and we must share with others. Luckily now though we can share with generations above and below us, as Elf seems destined to become the Christmas classic for the young of today.

Elf is an obvious vehicle for Will Ferrell. But unlike most scripts that are written for a star, the writers of Elf put forth an honest effort to make a funny, family movie that everyone can enjoy.

Elf is told to the crowd by Celebrity Series' own Bob Newhart. Newhart, for once funny, tells of a young elf Buddy, who's actually a human that snuck into Santa's (Ed Asner) bag one Christmas over twenty years ago.

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As Buddy grew up with the Elf's he never made the connection he was different, until his awkwardness proved to be too much to overcome.

After being informed of who he really was, Buddy sets out to New York City to find his father and reclaim the family he never knew he had. Once there, he's taken by the real world, meeting women, working, and enjoying a life that days before did not exist. With a seemingly blind devotion to Christmas and Christmas traditions, Buddy helps New York City remember what the season is truly about.

With that said, it seems terribly cheesy and overdone. Unlike other attempts though to show "the true meaning", Elf has a heart that shines in every scene. Buddy grows as a character, displaying that Ferrell actually does have acting ability. The story is meaningful and his relationship with his father reflects man parent/child relationships of today. Buddy's father, played by tough as always James Caan, has realizations that are honest and believable. And we see a cold young woman, played by the talented Zooey Deschanel, be inspired by Buddy to become a beautiful, amazing singer.

Will Ferrell isn't the only one that shines as an actor in this film. James Caan didn't walk though his performance as could be expected with his little role, but actually gave one of the best performances he's done since the Godfather.

Oscar-winner Mary Steenburgen plays Caan's wife and does a tremendous job as the surprised and supportive step mom. Even supporting performances by Andy Richter and relatively unheard of actor Faizon Love add a large amount of humor to the film. But it was Zooey's performance that surprised us most of all. Zooey, who seems like just a regular actress, actually has one of the most beautiful singing voices we've heard on the screen in awhile and has a "common woman" beauty that hasn't been seen since Sandra Bullock's early days.

There were a few moments where humor could not be found, but for the most part it was a non-stop laugh. Really the only complaint was that the movie could have been longer, both for the comedy and to allow some relationships to be grow a little more on screen. For these reasons we give Elf an A-. But compared to more recent holiday films like the Santa Clause, Elf is a surefire A and will be destined to be a classic for generations to come.

"Spare the snark:" website takes no prisoners

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

With the November TV sweeps and the semester wrapping up, I'm sure you may have missed an episode or two of your favorite WB drama due to an ungodly amount of homework and extra-curricular activities. No? Just me, then? All the same, I'd like to share with you, my dear friends in entertainment a gem of a website that makes it all better: television-withoutpity.com.

This magical site earns its keep by recapping dramas and reality shows. All of the quality shows we secretly watch, but would deny, deny, deny if ever caught with that station on. The icing on this cake is the fact that the recappers are as cynical as, if not more than, you are about your favorite shows.

I first learned of this site from Roommate #2 last year. I was jonesing for an "Osbournes" fix in our pre-Mtv days here at fair Westminster. She nonchalantly mentioned the site, and now I'm hooked for life.

I think the site is best summed up by a statement made by a recapper named Stee, "I think I'll just present the series of events, and let you decide how to feel about them. Except, of course, for when I tell you how you should feel about them." He made this comment about the series finale of "The Osbournes," but I think it applies to the entire site. The writers watch the shows, present the episode's plot in a way only they can, and more often than not you, the reader, realize you feel the same way about the show.

I've got to say that the funniest recaps are those of "the WB's number 1 drama, '7th Heaven.'" I rarely, if ever, watch the actual show, but strike me down should I miss a recap. The nicknames the writers give the characters are the best part. RevCam, the CamDorks, and Chandler RevBong, are just a few examples among the many. I highly recommend reading episode 18 of last season, entitled We Do,

It's just a nice change of pace to come across some of the Lisa Simpsons of the world, who think that "Smallville" needs to lay-off the Buffyisms.

which is all about Lucy and Kevin, the T-1000's wedding. On a side note, that episode is the most ridiculous thing I've ever seen. The recap makes it that much better.

Another show I highly enjoy reading is yet another WB creation, "Everwood." Now, I actually like this show and watch religiously. However, far be it for me to miss reading the great AB Chao's dissection of events. Again, there are some great nick names – Dr. Abbot is affectionately called Patch Abbot, his sister Linda is demoted to Rinda, and she calls Andy Brown by the actor who plays him, Treat.

I really think the reason I like Chao's writing is because she says everything I wish I could, but don't have the brain power for, and she loves Bright and Delia as much as I do and hates Krazy Amy and Madison Poppins just as equally. Here is an example of why I heart AB Chao, and "Everwood": "A lady with a little baby stops Patch. She shoves the [kid] in Patch's face and asks him to check on 'Edwin's diaper rash,' which she claims is getting worse. First-time mother, clearly. Slap some Desitin on that child and shut up, lady."

My second favorite aspect of the site, after the recaps, are the forums, where we the people can speak out against the injustices plaguing the castaways on "Survivor" or the need for more Simon on "Real World Paris." The thing about these forums, as compared to others I've had the misfortune of reading, is that the people who post are smart! They know what they're talking about and make relevant, thought provoking comments.

Yes, I realize these are just shows, but escaping reality is escaping reality. I don't knock your method, now do I? It's just a nice change of pace to come across some of the Lisa Simpsons of the world who think that "Smallville" needs to layoff the Buffyisms.

I encourage you all to "spare the snark. Spoil the networks." I guarantee at least one of your very favorite shows is represented.

Hoobastank concert exclusive

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

I arrived in Oakland at around 4:30 PM, about three hours before the show began. I ran into Hoobastank's bass player Markku Lappalainen at CD Warehouse and we chatted for a while before going our separate ways. Perhaps I should start off by explaining my history with Hoobastank.

I have now seen the band six times and met them on five separate occasions, not including phone interviews. The first show I went to was in Cincinnati during my freshman year of college. At this show I got my car impounded and interviewed Markku and the band's drummer, Chris Hesse. The next three times I saw Hoobastank were all in Pittsburgh. This summer I saw them in New York at a Rolling Stone magazine party. That brings us to this past weekend.

After running into Markku, I ran into Chris and lead singer Douglas Robb at a new Mexican place next to Club Laga. The day before the show I had the opportunity to participate in a conference call with Doug.

During the interview he revealed an interesting tidbit about his connection to the Pittsburgh area.

"My mom and my dad went to Geneva," he said. "My mother's Japanese my dad's Scottish, but they went to college in Beaver

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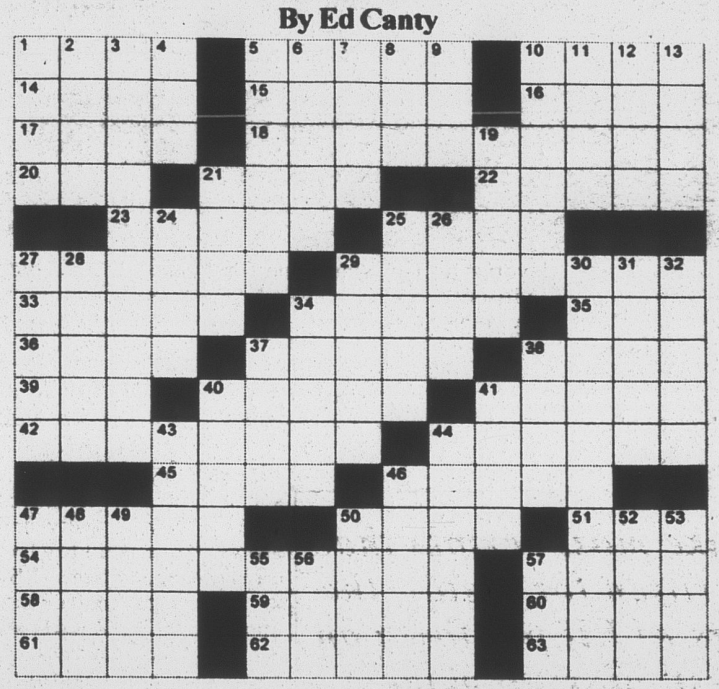
Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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Skiing consists of wearing $3,000 worth of clothes and equipment and driving 200 miles in the snow in order to stand around at a bar and drink.

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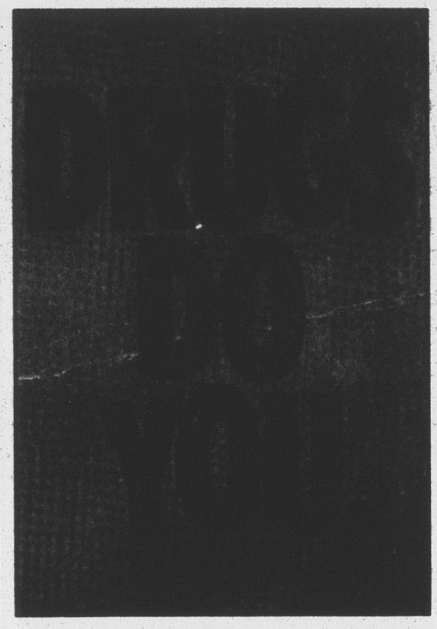


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
You will see financial dealings improving this week. And it may be best to stick to time-tested realities. Steer clear of all who cannot be trusted, or seem to be working towards a goal purely for themselves. You enjoy change, variety and adventure.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Think before you speak and make sure you have all your facts straight. If you are involved in a love affair, it can be especially intense right now; and may be an excellent time for a proposal. If uncommitted, it's time to discuss the future with a potential mate.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
This week may not be the best time to settle old grievances or new arguments, or try to make much of an impression with anyone. It may be best to adopt a low profile. Avoid hassling with a co-worker, for it's a no-win situation. There is high potential for monetary gains.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Now begins a fortunate period for your family and home interests. It's time to make a list of changes you've been contemplating, perhaps a sale of real estate. Feelings are intense in the romance department, so sidestep a showdown that could be memorable.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Don't bottle up your feelings; express your anger in a positive way. Remember to speak clearly to avoid any misunderstanding. During this year, relatives are bound to play a bigger role in your life, and pleasantly so. Avoid arguing with family members.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Expectations are high and you are apt to run into obstacles wherever you turn. It may be best to lie low, and not make waves, waiting for a more opportune time. Money trends are promising, but not immediate. People you deal with tend to be overemotional.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Happiness and financial success are surely on their way to you. Someone may be trying to involve you in a financial deal that just does not feel right for you - hold your ground. There is delightful rapport with a mate, lover or close friend.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
A new romance may be waiting in the wings for you. It might not be a new person, but somebody you already know, and hadn't realized the possibilities before. You will make great progress in self-knowledge and spiritual growth in the coming year.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
It's an excellent time for beginning a domestic project or closing a real estate deal. Most of the week will find you in an upbeat mood, possibly planning a get together with friends. Don't let minor money problems dampen your spirit - things will work out.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
There seems to be questions from all sides regarding your career and business interests. But after this week, these problems will clear up for many months. Meanwhile, it may be best to postpone important decisions. There may be tension on the home front.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Your physical energy is at a low point this week. In the next few weeks, you are bound to make major decisions regarding your personal life, so think about your moves and plan accordingly. It looks like time to cultivate a whole new circle of friends.

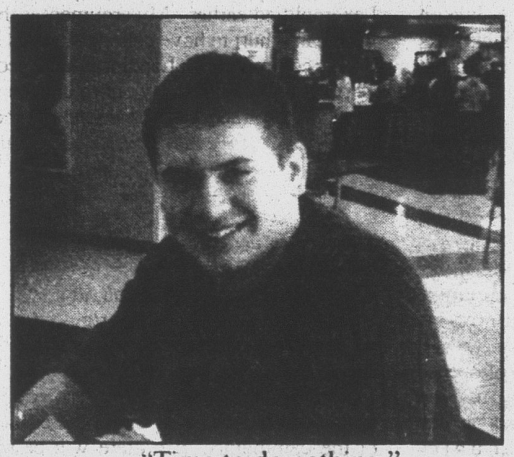
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
This week will basically be another struggle for survival, primarily on the job, but also in other people's conflicts. It will be tense for a while, and it would be best for you to tread very lightly on others' sensitivities. Keep business facts to yourself for now.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Look towards the goal you've established for yourself in your career. Try to sidestep any minor difficulties and see the whole picture. Pay attention to your mental and physical vitality, and stay away from situations that will end in overspending, overdoing or overindulging.

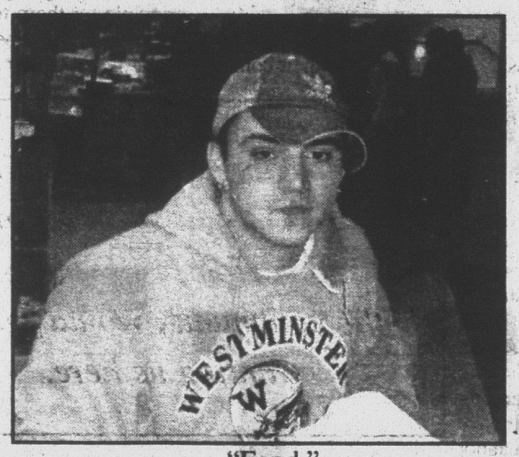
FEATURE

Question of the Week: Thanksgiving Favorites

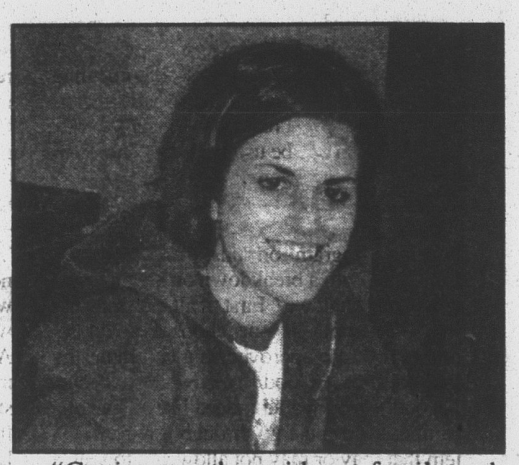
What are your favorite parts about Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving



"Time to do nothing." **-Colin Dean**



"Food." **-Sean Henderson**



"Getting together with my family and enjoying a good meal." **-Emily Wagner**

"I like stuffing." **-Tiffanie Scilla**

"Food." **-Alexis Young**

"Relaxing. Taking a break." **-Andrew Amugisha**

"Time off of work." **-Lisa Gleghorn**

"Watching the parade with my family. And the food." **-Keturah Laney**

"All my relatives coming from out of town." **-Carolyn Reasinger**

"Tryptophan." **-Lindsay Onufer**

VGA: Video Gamers Anonymous

by Carolyn Miller
Resident Game Adict

I have a confession to make: I have an addiction.

And it's not something easily broken, either. It's one of those activities that will call to you quietly, while you're doing homework, or studying, or even eating meals, it will whisper to you in the back of your brain, enticing you to obey. There are some people, stronger than me, who can deny this force – but I am too weak. I must answer its call.

I am addicted…to video games.

Okay, if you're laughing now, then you've obviously never played Bejewled. That little online game that has you switching gemstones back and forth and around until all you can think about during class is what precise and exact setup will garner you the most points. The little 'ding!' 'pow!' and 'whooosh' sounds haunt you as well.

Of course, any game can worm its way into your mind's inner workings if you play it often and long enough. Dancing games have done that to me. If you've ever been to a big arcade, they usually have some form of dancing game there – a large arcade machine with huge speakers, flashing lights, a play screen, and a big pad with arrows on it. Arrows scroll up the screen, and your feet have to hit the arrows in time with the music. It's difficult at first, but after playing for a while, you start to fall into the game. And when you walk away and blink, the arrows still continue to roll up the insides of your eyelids. It's real freaky if you're not ready for it.

Then again, I've found that few games are truly as addictive as Final Fantasy games. If you're unfamiliar with the genre (the series is so huge, it has to be called a genre at this point), it encompasses 12 full adventure games, each lasting around 60 hours each, plus numerous spin-offs. The games take a lot of dedication and determination to finish, and each one has hundreds of secrets inside of it that can be time-specific – for example, if you don't pick up the strange green elixir after beating the water boss the first time, it won't be there later, so you will never be able to give the elixir to the old lady in the cabin and get the really cool potion that will boost your strength permanently. Things like that start to get stuck in your head over time.

Or, if you're like me, you've recognized the therapeutic qualities of fighting games. If you're having an awful day, and you just want to hit someone, sitting down with the controller and bashing away at some stupid karate fighter on screen can really help get your aggressions out. Then, if you play enough, you learn the secret moves, and can keep fighting for hours. I learned the hard way the downsides of playing 100 matches in a row – let's just say that when you're good enough, your friends start to not like losing.

Then there's the Gamecube, which is a big hit at parties. You get a bunch of people around, and then pop in something like Mario Party 4 or Super Smash Brothers Melee, and you can be sitting around that television set for hours. Even when one person gets tired of playing, there's always someone else ready to take over, and the games just go on and on until everyone falls asleep. Of course, if you play games like that, be ready for some heavy insults being flung around the room nonstop. All in good fun, of course.

I've always been a huge fan of the classics, though – original Nintendo games like Super Mario Brothers, Duck Hunt, and Legend of Zelda. There's a saying among gamers that's said when someone complains about how hard a new game is – "Ah, but is it Nintendo hard?" – indicating that the original Nintendo games may have been lacking in the graphic department, but in gameplay, they're tough to beat. They can also take hours upon hours to defeat, and they can be just as much fun as the new 3-dimensional games. You just have to be old-school to appreciate them.

But, after all these games, there's the one thing you have to remember about them all – their amazing capability to suck time from your life. Wave it off if you want, but I can tell you first-hand that there's no such thing as 'a quick game of Tetris.' If the game's quick, that means you lost, and the game doesn't take long, so why not play again? The games pile up, and soon all your time is sucked into these little cartridges and CDs, and your homework ends up sitting on your desk untouched. This is a bad thing.

So don't underestimate the power of a good game. They're fun to play, but addictive, and be careful. And in case you were wondering, I downloaded Bejeweled while I was writing this, to make sure I got the sound effects right. And now I'm playing my fifth game, and I'm on level three. It's frustrating. I know I'm better than that.

Insert Angry Voice Here: Off-Campus Housing

by Drew Huston
News Editor

Today's angry article is brought to you by the letter "S." "S" can be used in a lot of different words. For instance, "sense." If something makes "sense," that means that it is logical or beneficial - that it has a good reason for being the way it is. If something does not make "sense," that usually means that it has no good reason for being the way it is. "S" also can be used in words like "stupid," "screwy," "sloppy," and many others.

What I'd like to address today is the "screwy" way in which the off-campus housing program on this campus works. Let's start with a breakdown on how the system is run, shall we? First of all, one may not live off-campus if one chooses to do so, unless they are approved as a commuter by the college. Good luck with that one. Second, if you would indeed like to live off-campus, you must go through a lottery system that may or may not allow you to seek a place to live other than in our residence halls. Even as seniors, students may or may not be able to live off-campus, with the exception of fifth-year seniors. As the system is currently run, I believe that only just over 30 people are allowed to live off-campus every year. Asking around, college Residence Life officials told me that a lot of the reasons behind only that limited number of people being allowed off-campus every year is due to borough restrictions in regard to college students being allowed to live off-campus.

Wait, let me get this straight - they have made it illegal for us to live off-campus? They've made it illegal for us to live in their town? The last time I heard of policies like that it was in my History classes on the 1960's and dealt with segregated communities. I sincerely doubt any constitutionality behind this supposed borough decision to restrict access by we students into their community. If we fought it via legal means (that is, if these laws or restrictions even exist - I'm an opinion column writer, not a journalist), we most assuredly would win. Anyway, keep in mind, that's the story I'm getting from Residence Life, so I cannot correlate that with proof of these laws.

Residence Life has just as much of a motive (if not more of one) to keep us on campus as the community would for wanting us here.

But let's look at this from another angle. Why would Residence Life want us off-campus, anyway? I admit, if enrollment went up just a bit, the dorms would be quite overcrowded and would cause a lot of headaches within the Residence Life department, but let's face facts here: we pay a lot of money to live here in our dorms. We are forced to buy a meal plan if we live on campus, so Sodexho gets their little kickback. We pay a lot of money for utilities and for the space - comparable to, if not more than, what a reasonably-sized apartment would cost us (if apartments cost that much more money, which I doubt). Residence Life is a major source of income for this college, that's a fact. It would go against any sort of business principle for them to not want us to live on campus, eat the food that they get kickbacks from, use the water and electricity and cable that, again, they may or may not get kickbacks from... So, I guess what I'm arguing here is that Residence Life has just as much of a motive (if not more of one) to keep us on campus as the community would for wanting us here.

My argument is this - if there are indeed laws in the community that prevent college students from living there, I would question the validity of them, because they sound rather segregationist and prejudiced. If there are indeed laws in the community that prevent us from living outside of the borders of our campus, then I would question any involvement the college has within the community - after all, if you won't even open your arms to students, why should the campus help you at all?

However, I have no proof of these laws (and I'll let people debate whether or not they exist in letters to the editor, should they wish to), and Residence Life has just as much of a motive to want to keep us here, as I exemplified earlier. My argument is this - what can it hurt to have college students live in the community? Landlords and people who leased their property out to college students would make more money, and therefore generate more income for the community in taxes. Not to mention local businesses like grocery stores would flourish, as the students would opt-out of the meal plans - again, more tax money for the borough. As far as the Residence Life side of things goes, don't think I've forgotten you, too. The college is in an economic slump right now. One thing that can assist with this problem (and can lower our tuitions, too) is to admit more students to the college. If more students are living off-campus, stimulating the economy of the community, then there will be more room on-campus for more students. Therefore, the meal plans will still be bought, the dorms will still be filled, and that source of income for the college will still be healthy.

Sounds like simple economics to me, and I'm just a Political Scientist, so don't think my argument is the authoritative opinion of an expert. But, I think that these options should be considered both by the community and by the college - regardless of how angrily I put them.

No heart vs bleeding heart: Guantanamo

by Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

Ok, let's be a little honest with ourselves and the American public. Half this country can't even spell Guantanamo, let alone understand its complex situation. But here it is, consistently front page news, and now granted certiorari by the U.S. Supreme Court. So, you've left me know choice but to talk about it. Are we doing the right thing in Guantanamo? Are we holding these detainees legally? And are we abiding by our own constitutional law? Yes, Yes, and yes. Listen up boys and girls, you're about to receive an educational lesson in politics. Here we go.

So what's the story? Basically, September 11th changed the rules of the game. You remember, the whole Osama destroying the ever-loving crap out of New York, Washington, and a random Pennsylvania field, that September 11th. Conventional war no longer exists, and how can it? Our enemies aren't marked in uniform, spouting off their national anthems. No, our enemies hide in Western clothing and walk among us. They burrow themselves among civilians in other nations, all the while singing of a Jihad (that means holy war, just in case you haven't heard that mentioned on the news, oh, about 5 million times). So who's being held in Guantanamo? The prisoners are people, (who I might add are not us citizens) who were captured outside our borders in connection to links to terrorism. Critics would like them to be referred to as "prisoners of war." Sorry, no can do. As stated before, this isn't a conventional war. Therefore, there can be no official prisoners of such.

The point I'd really like to focus on here is whether or not the United States should grant these detainees the same rights as a US citizen. I can't believe that anyone would even entertain this idea. So wait, we don't have a US constitution, but rather a world constitution? So now Joe Zumunda in Nairobi can say that his US constitutional rights are being violated in another country? Granted, I'm being somewhat facetious, but the point is still the same. Yes, our constitution is great, and it should be the model constitution for other countries to follow. But it's still our constitution. It's our little reward for being granted a citizen. If we gave these rights to anyone, what would be the incentive for any immigrant to legally obtain citizenship? Our borders would be flooded, and illegal aliens would be screaming for a copy of the Bill of Rights. As a general point, Guantanamo is completely out of our borders. The detainees are not from our nation. It is simply ridiculous that we would even consider giving them the same rights as a US citizen, let alone certiorari in the US justice system. What is this country coming to?

I can only hope and pray that the United States Supreme Court realizes that they simply have no right to be involved in Guantanamo. I would like to also add that my argument against granting them US constitutional rights does not mean that they are being treated poorly. In fact, there have been several reports remarking that they are treated quite well and are given ample materials to practice their religion freely. See, look, first amendment right! But please remember, these people are no angels. These are human beings who have plotted to kill your friends and family, all because of your culture. Who's willing to read them your rights now?

by Richard Marmura
Resident Liberal

American citizens have many rights, some of which have been debated right here in our little political forum. The debates have covered where, when and to what extent do the laws provide American citizens rights. An issue, however, that is often overlooked, is whether these same rights are to be extended to non-United States citizens; more specifically in the case of the Guantanamo prison in Cuba.

It has been charged by many national and international figureheads that the detainees of Guantanamo are being mistreated (physically and mentally), as well as being inhumanely detained. The validity of these issues are relatively hard to determine do to the fact that only a few select government employees have been allowed to inspect the prison do to possible "intelligence risks".

Many on the right argue, simply, that the people being detained are not United States citizens and cannot claim the same rights as you and I; and, therefore, all the charges brought against the Bush Administration are moot points. I, however, disagree with this logic. We as American's went to war in Afghanistan to protect the American way and to liberate a nation (which was the right thing to do...). However, what sort of message are we sending to the world if we continually espouse human rights and freedom, while at the same time denying rights to others? If America will not even live by and enforce its own ideals, how can we expect others to?

In response to this idea, many would then argue that our own citizens/soldiers are not afforded these human rights by the enemy and thus why should we? The case of Daniel Pearl is an unfortunate example of inexcusable brutality. My heart goes out to those who have lost someone to the horrific events of September 11th and its aftermath. However, we as American's must remember our place as not only a military leader, but a moral and democratic leader. We must not compromise our values for anything; we must trust in the system and allow justice and democracy to work their course.

However, besides just potential human rights violations (which were even pointed out by the RED CROSS!), the Guantanamo Bay prison creates many other questions? Is it the right of the United States to detain foreign-nationals for indeterminate periods of time with no legal or judicial rights? Did you know we've held over 600 people in Guantanamo for over 2 years and we have yet to charge many of them with a crime other than being a "possible terrorist"? These people are essentially left in legal limbo; as they are unable to pursue legal action and are essentially at the whims of the executive branch and the military.

I don't know about you, dear reader, but I tend to believe, as did the founding fathers of our nation, in due process, trial by jury and habeas corpus. While many of the detainees may be prove to be terrorists, we cannot merely assume that they are all guilty. I believe in innocent until proven guilty, not the opposite.

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Falls near Pittsburgh."

We also discussed the differences between their new album The Reason, which comes out on December 9, 2003, and their first two albums.

"I've been told that it does sound a little different, but it's real subtle, because none of us really sat down, or do we ever sit down and go you know what, we wanna try and do something like this. It was a real natural change... We just kind of sat down and wrote, and whatever we wrote was what we put down," he said.

Doug went on to explain the importance of a good sense of humor, especially when on tour.

"A sense of humor is probably the most important thing a person can have," he said.

photo by Isaac Ludwig

"Three weeks ago we were in Seattle. Dan [Estrin, guitar] and myself had to do some acoustic stuff for Launch Media. It was myself and Dan and our tour assistant Billy. We were at the company... It was early morning and they had these boxes of bagels.... We had Billy start filming us and we took the bagels and we stuck them down our pants and held them in our butt-cheeks... We were both standing there in this like green room, with our pants around our knees like holding these bagels in our asses.

Then we throw them all back in the box and we take another box, and we take it back to the bus and we leave it there for the band and the crew to eat, at the end of the day the bagels were gone and they were raving about how delicious the bagels were. We pop in the video of us shoving bagels in our asses... they still don't believe that there were actually two different boxes, they still think they ate ass bagels."

Another interviewer during the conference call had questioned why they distanced themselves from the experimental funk/ska sound we all loved on their independent release They Shore Don't Make Basketball Shorts the Way they Used To.

"For the record, myself personally I can't stand ska," Doug said "I was never a ska fan, and I know we got lumped into that category because we did have a couple of songs that had upbeat guitar riffs. Me and Markku have always been more rock guys and if anything it was Dan we had to bring around. And, he wasn't really a ska guy as much as he was like a Chili Peppers type of funk guy and it was his idea originally to get horns, like more for James Brown type funky stuff never like a ska thing."

I questioned Doug about the possibility of another acoustic release. "I think it definitely will happen again, I can't tell you when or why we would even do it. But it's just something that we enjoy doing... It would probably be a bunch of new songs just done acoustically," he said.

Being the political nerd I am, I had to ask Doug whom he would vote for if the Democratic primary were today. "I don't even know who's running. I'll be honest with you, I feel like a moron saying that," he said. "I've been so consumed about this record and what needs to be done right now, I keep getting in trouble with my girlfriend, because I keep forgetting to call her."

The show itself was excellent. Label mates Die Trying and Andrew WK opened for Hoobastank. Andrew WK's show is an insane production, one of the highlights being the sixty or so people he brings on stage for a sing along. Andrew has a very positive outlook on life and likes to make sure every concert, or party as he likes to call them, is a great experience for everyone. Hoobastank played four new songs including the first single, "Out of Control," off their new album.

Hoobastank will next be in the area during their tour with Linkin Park, P.O.D. and Story of Our Lives on 22 January 2004 in Cleveland.

Guest Editorial: Do you really need all that stuff?

by Steve Cotner
Michigan Daily

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — On Thursday, Nov. 27, you're going to stuff yourself with obscene amounts of food as a way of showing thanks — to God or the Indians or your divine birthright or the Third World — for letting you have obscene amounts of food, and then the next day you're going to The Mall.

You're going to buy sweaters and mittens because you can't knit; you will buy posters of basketball stars because you don't like art, or posters of artwork because you have no artistic talent; you will buy electronic toothbrushes and cell phones for the whole family, because circular motions are tiresome and prearranged meeting times are impossible; you will buy all of page 27 in the American Eagle catalog, because it matches perfectly, and you will look devastating on your road trip to Vail, which you read about on page 28; you will buy your little brother a combination car-chase-shooting-hand-to-hand-combat video game, because this year the blood is more real, and you both identify vaguely with '80s new wave music; you will buy "I'm a Soldier, Too: The Jessica Lynch story" for an inspiring member of your community; you will buy ties for your father and chocolates, wrapped in an elaborate ribbon, for your mother; and then you will buy cards, lots of cards, for everyone — beautiful red and green cards, with passages of good will written in ornate, glittering script, followed by an anonymous poem with an A/B A/B rhyme, to be undersigned with love by you.

And then you will wait for that moment when you can make everyone you knowincredibly, unceasingly, inarticulately happy — when they see what youbought. Your purchases will show your love and dedication in a way no othergesture could, for only you could know your father prefers paisley, andacting on another's consumer preferences is the truest sign of affection.

And, of course, this year will be different. Your girlfriend will not comment on her thighs when you give her candy, because she finally has the right skin moisturizer, and along with it the perfect body image. Your friends will switch to cleaner burning gasoline, cure their halitosis, get off the antidepressants and get with the program. And by the time NewYear's Day comes around, you will feel as if you've arrived at a new plane,where technology and economic progress extend without limit past thehorizon.

Or does that sound a bit hollow?

Do we all think that goods are always good and more goods are better?

After the attacks of Sept. 11, Rudy Giuliani told New Yorkers to go shoppingand to buy anything, even if they didn't need it, to keep the economy afloatand to calm fears about an increasingly troubled world. Shopping was ourpatriotic duty. It sounds strange now, but it sounded even stranger then,because in our moment of peril our leaders did not call for anything new. Before, when things were good, we consumed. Now they're bad, so we consume more.

It is the essence of our nation, and it is what defines us as Americans.

According to Adbusters, the average citizen consumes six times what a Mexican consumes, 47 times the average African, and over 500 times an Ethiopian.

Our agriculture has become so cumbersome that, whereas farmers used no petroleum in the process of planting a hundred years ago, they now put 20 barrels of crude oil into an acre of corn. Our wastefulness with livestock is equally appalling, as five pounds of crude oil go into one pound of beef. And out of innumerable species of plant and animal, many thousands of which would be nutritious to humans, our country relies on just 20 for almost all of its food.

All of this comes at a time when, for the first time in the history of the world, more people live in cities than in rural areas. We have experienced a complete reversal of our relationship to nature and of our understanding of what nature is. Art-eco professor Joe Trumpey reports that teenagers can recognize 85 corporate logos but can barely name 12 species of plant.

In the book "Confronting Consumption," media historian Robert McChesney says, "Although people may have once been critical of hypercommercialism, perhaps they are becoming inured to it. In a political culture where commercialism appears to be a force of nature rather than something subject, that would be a rational response over time."

Americans have gotten to the point where they can't imagine anything else. And most of them don't have the means to go to other countries, which are termed "underdeveloped" by the world's powers, in order to see for themselves that the United States is in fact overdeveloped.

The Buy Nothing Day campaign by Adbusters magazine aims to spread the word, and the once-a-year appearance of its ad on CNN is a minor miracle. Most of you will not see the urgency in rants like this one. But a few of us understand that we owe our environmental concerns, resource wars and growing North/South disparities to the burden of feeding this insatiable monster, and so we're going to keep ranting. And on Nov. 28 — or on any other day — we won't be anywhere near The Mall.

Calendar of Events

Friday, November21
11:40 am Chapel
6:00 & 8:00 pm Buzz Ridl Classic
6:00 pm Student Sierra Club (first organizational meeting) — TC 314
8:00 pm Mock Convention Debate for Candidates
— MCC Berlin Student Lounge
Admissions Fall Overnight

Saturday, November 22
CAMPUS VISITATION DAY
10:00 am (All Day) College Bowl
— MCC Club Room/Berlin Student Lounge
2:30 pm Honors Choir Concert – Orr Auditorium
6:00 & 8:00 pm Buzz Ridl Classic
3:00 pm Concert Choir and Chamber Choir Concert — Chapel
6:15 pm IFC Meeting
8:30 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – PH 311/312
8:30 pm Kappa Delta Meeting – MCC Witherspoon

Monday, November 24
5:15 pm Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
7:00 pm Seekers Praise Band Practice — Chapel
9:00 pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes
— MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting — MCC 352
9:00 pm Lambda Sigma Meeting — PH 114

Tuesday, November 25
6:00 pm Residence Halls Close for Break
Last Meal Before Thanksgiving: Lunch

November 26-29
THANKSGIVING BREAK

Sunday, November 30
THANKSGIVING BREAK
2:00 pm Residence Halls Open
First Meal After Break: Dinner

Monday, December 1
CLASSES RESUME
5:15 pm Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
7:00 pm Seekers Praise Band Practice — Chapel
9:00 pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes
— MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting/Activation
– MCC 352/Chapel

Tuesday, December 2
12:30 pm Faculty Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall
5:00 pm Psych Club — Phillips Lecture Hall
5:30 pm SAA Meeting
7:00 pm Habitat for Humanity Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
7:30 pm Horn Ensemble Concert — Orr Auditorium
8:30 pm Student Pre-Law Meeting – PH 231

Wednesday, December 3
11:30 am PRSSA Exec Meeting — MCC 352
11:30 am Faculty Forum: Bryan Rennie,
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— MCC 219
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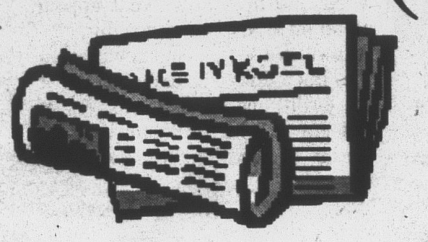

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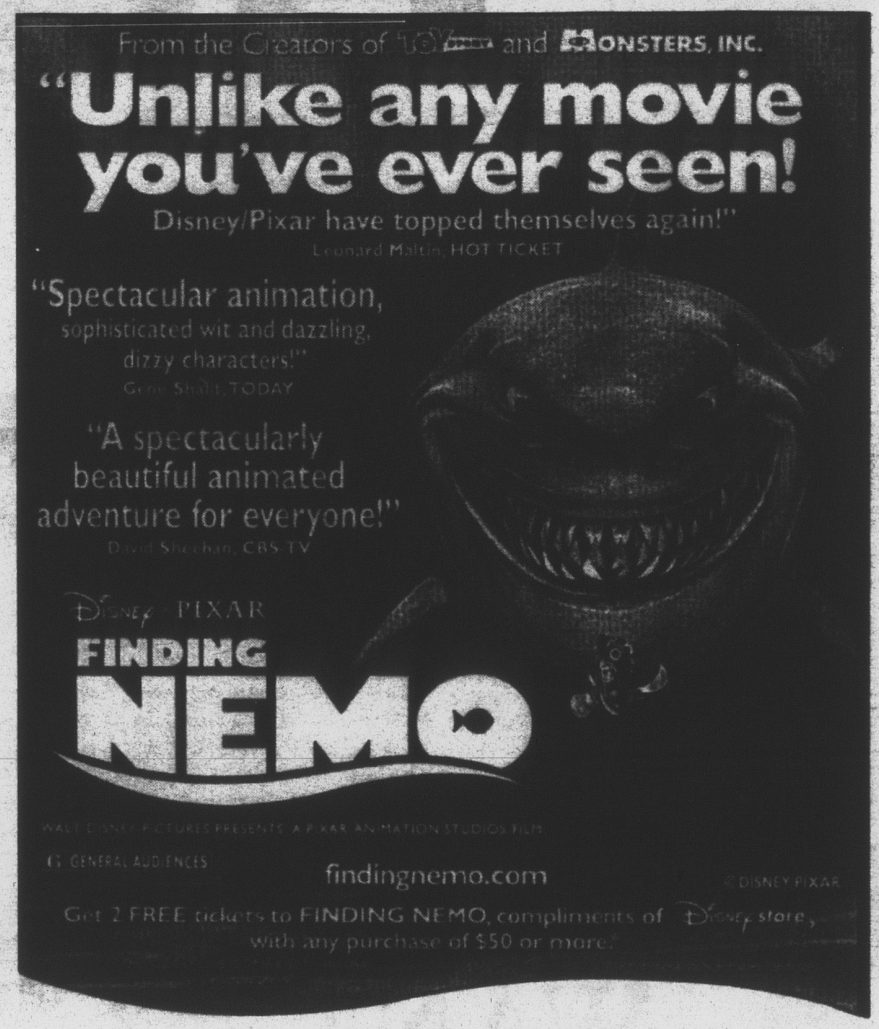

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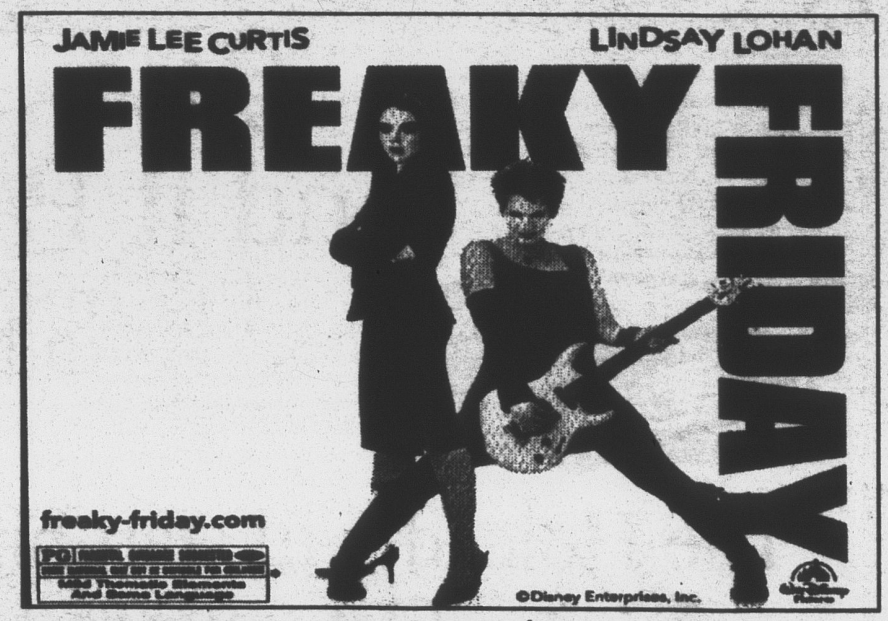

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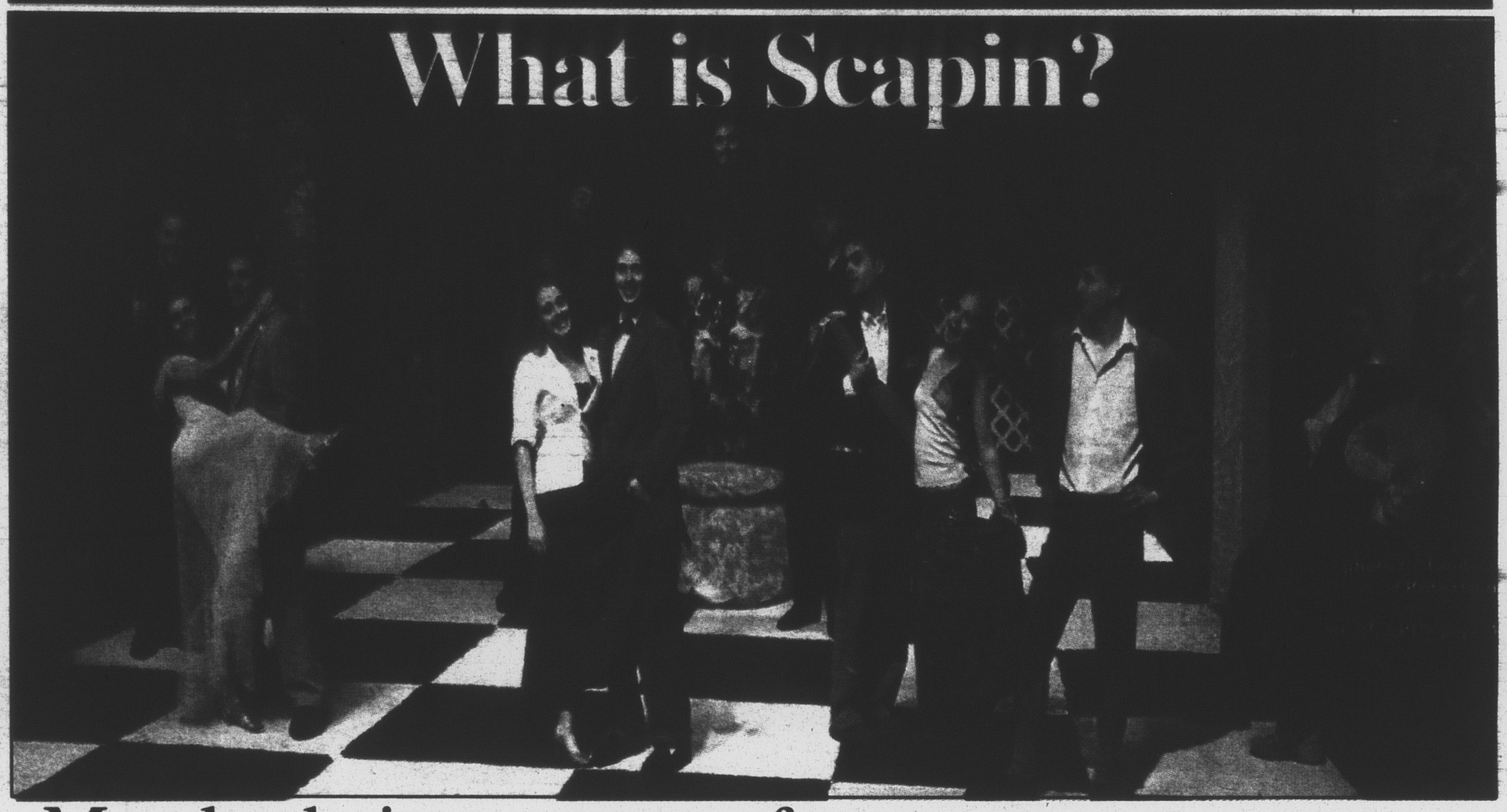

Monks bring prayer for peace to campus

by Isaac Ludwig
Senior Staff Writer

The Monks of the Gaden Lhopa Monastery, who came for a short lecture last October, were here this year from December 1st to the 4th meticulously creating the beautiful Chenrezig sand mandala. The mandala was then ceremonially dispersed on Wednesday evening.

The Monks are in the U.S. on a three-year visa to promote peace, harmony, and shed light on the occupation of Tibet, as well as raise funds for their Monastery. They have only done 20 of these mandalas in this country.

The sand mandala represents the realm of the Bodhisattva of Compassion, Chenrezig. The mandala is actually a three dimensional palace that is contemplated during meditation, the physical mandala is simply an example of its inanimate existence.

It is constructed to generate compassion and for a social healing of the environment. It is then ceremonially dispersed of to show the impermanence of reality. After it was dispersed, people were given the opportunity to take some sand to use for blessing sick people, a crop, etc. The remaining sand was ceremonially put into Lake Brittain on Thursday morning.

"The dissolution ceremony made me cry, and I felt honored to be able to take a piece of the mandala home," senior Rachel Lange said. "I also had the Indian beads I bought blessed. I came away feeling refreshed by the spirit of compassion and the message of hope these monks poured out on our campus."

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Junior Block students celebrate arts in the classroom

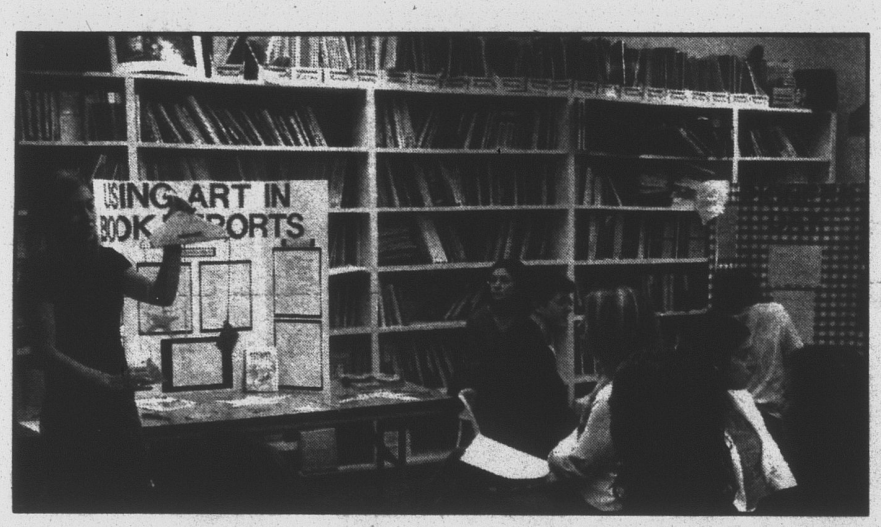

photo by Lindsey Robertson

Junior Megan Johnston presented her Celebrating the Arts project to a captivated audience Wednesday afternoon.

by Andrea Thompson
Campus Writer

On Dec. 3, Junior Block presented their Celebrating the Arts projects. The projects focused on linking visual and performing arts to literary studies. Junior Block elementary education students presented to fellow students, faculty and the college community.

For the project, students have prepared a presentation that shows the benefits of having cultural activity incorporated into their future lesson plans. Students designed these projects with their future students in mind. The children are the emphasis in this project.

The project was assigned by associate professor, Dr. Charlene Klassen Endrizzi and associate professor, M. Eileen Morelli in hopes that it will inspire these future teachers to be creative with their lesson plans and with the children they will be instructing.

"My goal in this project is to help pre-service teachers think about the arts more deeply through literacy events," said Klassen Endrizzi. "Creativity could be a lost art in classrooms if we don't actively give students the opportunity to be creative," she said. "Hence I have invited our juniors to be creative in developing a creative project for their future students," she concluded.

The students who participated in this project were excited about the opportunity to try something new is great way to broaden their teaching skills.

Junior Brent Rogers has been inspired by the prospects for this project.

"I think that this assignment is just wonderful. Implementing drama, art, music, dance, technology and any other type of cultural activity into lesson plans is so important for children," he said. "It brings out a student's character and personality, meets diverse needs for different types of learners, serves as a great way of assessment, involves active participation, and makes learning fun," he said.

Senior Lauren Perkins' project added a different approach to the Celebrating the Arts projects.

"My project is hopefully going to be a computer-based book report page that students can use to view books that others have read or add their own books," she said. "I feel that technology in the classroom is very important," she said.

Perkins was encouraged by those who supported the presentations.

"We will set up our presentations and do a little song and dance; in same cases, I mean that literally, for other students and faculty or whoever wishes to see it," she said.

Rogers was also interested that he got to share his presentation with others.

"Everyone seems very excited to share the possible links between arts and literacy and to celebrate an appreciation of arts," he said. "It's so wonderful to see that other teachers are excited to get students actively engaged in artistic-related activities in the classroom," he said.

Students awarded for being good Big Brothers and Big Sisters

by Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

During a special awards dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 18, junior Lori Baty and senior Craig Carlin were given the Big Brother and Big Sister of the year awards for their service through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lawrence County. Though students have won one of the two awards in years past, this marks the first time when both awards were given to students at Westminster.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a mentoring program that matches an "older sibling" to a child in order to provide a positive role model. Mentors are expected to spend time with their little brothers or sisters, trying to become positive influences for their respective matches.

According to BBBS Director Suzie Mrozek, the awards were given out on the basis of nomination forms filled out by the "littles," and the selection process extended from there. Generally the amount of time the match has been going and the quality of the match are also taken into account. The typical period of time before a big brother or big sister is considered for the award is two to three years.

Baty has been matched with her little sister for almost three years, since she was a freshman. Though she received a plaque for the award, she was more honored by the letter her little, now 12 years old, wrote about her nomination. "I was actually more excited to read what she wrote about me, because I thought it was more special."

Carlin did not know he was to receive an award. "It was really a surprise. I didn't expect it at all. It was the last award given out at the banquet we had, and so as soon as they said my name, I was just really surprised. And also felt kind of special and honored. That out of all the people involved in the program, I was the one they chose based on the essay that my little wrote."

Carlin has been matched with his little since his freshman year as well.

Baty and her little tend to spend their time in the park, roller-blading, sled-riding, or playing board games. Craig Carlin says that he and his little like to watch Steelers games, play video games, go out to eat at restaurants, and have also gone fishing on a few occasions.

Baty, whose major is elementary education and who describes herself as having "a heart for kids," says that of all the volunteer-work she's tried, Big Brothers Big Sisters has been the most rewarding. "It's because you have that one-on-one personal relationship, and you can see them getting attached to you."

Carlin adds that he feels he's made a new friend in his little. Because their age difference is not so vast, Carlin adds, "I definitely consider myself more of a brother figure to him."

Students are usually supposed to spend about three hours per week with their littles, according to Carlin. "It's not really that big of a time commitment, when you figure you can do whatever you want with your little within reason." Carlin says that the time with his little is also a chance to relax and get away from schoolwork.

Westminster students, according to Suzie Mrozek, currently make up nearly one-half of the individuals matched by Big Brothers Big Sisters. Mrozek was not entirely surprised that two Westminster students won the awards this year, saying, "I knew it would happen [eventually], because Westminster College students have worked out so well for us."

Baty and Carlin both encourage other Westminster students to become involved with the program. Carlin says, "It's something easy to get involved in, they always need a lot of volunteers—especially males."

Students who consider the program will need to go through an interview and a background check to become involved—these checks can take time. Carlin did not actually meet his little until the end of his spring semester, freshman year.

The program also fulfills the 30 hours of community service that students are required to perform in order to graduate, although matches require a commitment of at least one academic year and are encouraged to continue for longer. As Carlin says, though, "it's not really about the credit."

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Lori Baty won Lawrence County Big Sister of the year based on an essay her little wrote.

Campus welcomes new chaplain at long last

by Joanna Badger
Campus Writer

Westminster held a reception to welcome Reverend Jim Mohr as the new chaplain.

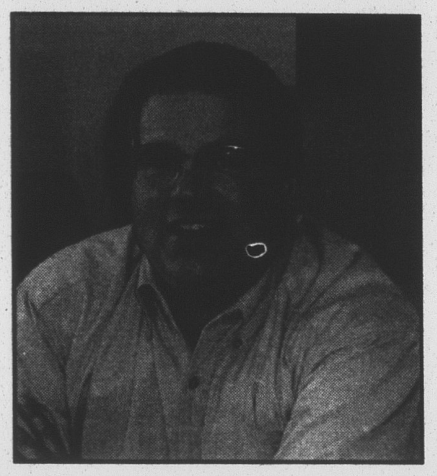
The campus community was invited to meet and welcome the Reverend on Monday Nov. 24 in the Tower Room of Old Main.

Following a seven-month search, Rev. Mohr from St. Andrews Presbyterian in Butler was offered the opportunity to fill the position as college chaplain. The search process began with the appointment of a committee by College President R. Thomas Williamson.

The fifteen-person committee was chaired by Dr. Darwin Huey and was responsible for the search and interview process. "We try to have all constituents of the campus represented on the committee," said Huey. The publics represented were students, faculty, staff and the board of trustees, and local churches. "The Committee tried to be prayerful, careful and thorough," said Huey.

"The new chaplain very much affects the students here so it is important that the students are represented," said Pam Englert, one of two students who represented the student body.

Mohr's office is located on the third floor of Old Main. He considers himself very approachable and hopes that students



will introduce themselves to him so he can begin putting names with faces. "I'm excited to be here, this is a neat opportunity to minister with young people," said Mohr.

Mohr hopes that students will participate in some type of campus religious life during the week, whether it is chapel, vespers, or a service act.

Mohr encourages students to donate their time to acts of service. He plans to work along with the students and donate his time as well. "It is great to be able to work with students as they discover the joy of their faith through volunteering," said Mohr.

The headline in the Butler Eagle, Butler's daily Newspaper stated "Reverend Mohr Going Back to College." Mohr considers himself to be in the same shoes as the freshman and prospective students joining the campus for the first time.

Mohr is a graduate of Muskinghum College in Ohio. He and his wife Jill have two daughters Angie and Katie, both in college. He is an Ohio State fan and an all around sports fanatic. He is also an outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, hiking and canoeing.

Englert believe Mohr has a lot to offer the campus. "Reverend Mohr really seems to be able to connect to students and faculty. We feel he will be able to feed the faith of those who attend chapel and vesper services regularly as well as reach those people who don't."

Alpha Phi Omega plans Locks of Love drive next semester

by Laura M. Krutschnitt
Campus Writer

How long until it's time for another haircut? How much will it cost?

Alpha Phi Omega will be holding a Locks of Love hair drive next semester. The organization is asking students and faculty to let their hair grow from now until January.

Not only will the hair drive benefit the children who receive the wigs, but everyone who participates will get a free haircut and styling. Local stylists have agreed to donate their time to cut and style participants' hair.

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children. The children are under the age of 18 and suffer from long-term medical hair loss.

Why is a Locks of Love hair drive being held here?

"I was at lunch one day with Lauren Perkins. She asked how long I'd been growing my hair, and I told her I hadn't been trying to, I just like it long. And she asked if I'd ever thought about doing Locks of Love," said Kristen Sargent. "I'd done it once before - we thought about doing it campus-wide." Sargent is head of the Locks of Love committee.

A regional staff member of Alpha Phi Omega has volunteered her time. Theresa Klier and other students from the Career Training Academy will be offering massages for anyone who donates a small amount of money. The money will be used toward the cost of shipping and handling charges to mail the hair.

Donated hair may be colored or permed but not bleached or chemically damaged. 10 inches is the minimum hair length required to make a hairpiece.

However, Locks of Love does accept donations of shorter lengths. Those are sold to help offset the cost of making the longer hairpieces.

"They still benefit from less than 10 inches, so we will take less than ten inches!" Sargent said.

"I'm going to donate as much as I can while still having enough to keep my hair in a ponytail. I will probably donate around 12 inches," said junior Phil Webster.

Other students don't feel they can participate.

"I would help, but I don't really have much hair to give!" said freshman Lee Scott.

The Locks of Love committee wants to get the campus involved.

"We want to try to hold competitions such as which sorority or organization can donate the most inches or something fun like that, but we're still looking into it," said Jenn Britton.

Members of Alpha Phi Omega plan on being set up in the Old 77 gym for the event on Jan. 31.

"It's a Saturday afternoon, so we'll basically be there as long as we have people coming," Sargent said. "We don't have exact times set yet."

She added that everyone is welcome to participate. Other chapters of Alpha Phi Omega have been invited, as well as all of the Westminster campus and community members.

Junior Stephanie Hitchcock is unsure on whether she will participate. "It's a big maybe," she said. "I would because it's for a good cause, but I don't know if I can wait that long for a haircut. Plus, I have a lot of split ends!"

Members of Alpha Phi Omega sat in the cafeteria at lunch a few weeks ago to raise awareness and promote interest in the project.

"Some RA's even want to bring their halls as a social!" Britton said.

Locks of Love operates year-round and is based out of Palm Beach, Fla.

"If I ever cut my hair I'll donate it- but not right now. I like my hair!" said junior Jeremy Baker.

Senior Carolyn Miller recently donated 17 inches of her hair to Locks of Love. "They can't tell you where your hair is going, but they sent a card thanking me for my donation and that made me feel good."

For more information on how to donate individually, visit the organizations' website at www.locksoflove.org .

Locks of Love receives over 2000 hair donations a week. The majority of all hair donated comes from children who want to help other children.

"I would like to make this a yearly event so I'm hoping to get a lot of support," Sargent said.

She is planning on donating at least ten inches of her hair.

For more information on the event or how to help, contact Sargent at ext. 6448 or by email sargenkn@westminster.edu.

Scapin brings humorous start to finals week

by Katie Clark
Campus Writer

"Deception is the name of the game" for Alpha Psi Omega's production of Scapin that runs this Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Beeghly Theater.

Westminster students may have noticed the clever advertisements displayed around campus for Scapin, but still be curious about what they are for.

The honorary theatre fraternity is putting on an all student production of Bill Irwin and Mark O'Donnell's adaptation of Moliere's 300 hundred-year-old story.

The main character, Scapin, is a servant within the household of Geronte. He is a prankster who is always up to something. The plot of the play follows him through some of his comical escapades.

"The whole production is a comedy to the extreme. It is very physical and slapstick humor. Think 'Monty Python' meets 'The Family Guy'," said student director Rich Marmura.

The cast of the play is extremely excited and confident that people will enjoy the play.

"If you like to laugh then I definitely recommend coming to see this show. The cast is a great group of people. We really work well together because we all feed off of each other," said sophomore Jimmy Connell.

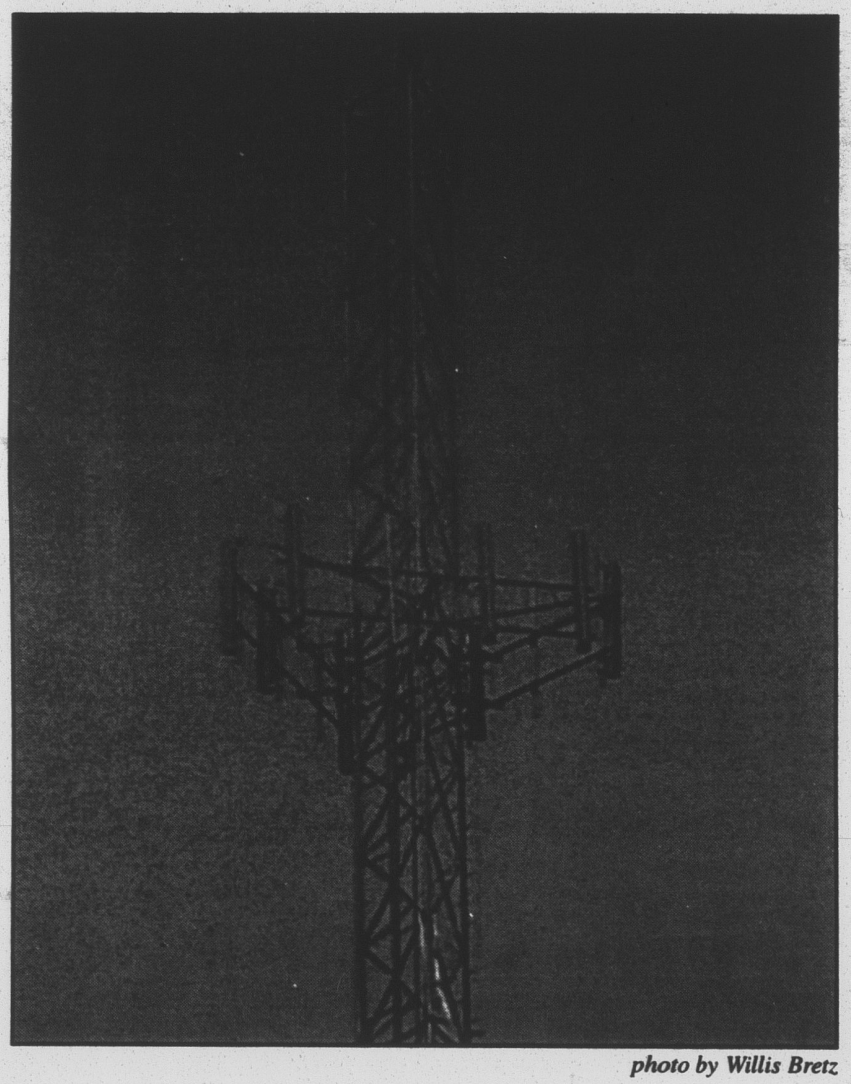
Other cast members see this performance as a nice change of pace. "Scapin is an absolutely hilarious show. Everyone is funny in this show, and after seeing the intense production of The Laramie Project, Scapin, as corny as it sounds, will be a breath of fresh air for the campus," said junior Rachael Mellor.

Anyone looking for a break from studying from finals is encouraged to attend.

"The show is right before finals, it's free, fun and will definitely be a good time for the audience," said Marmura.

The cast includes: Nate Zuzack, Tom Oyer, Drew Huston, Chris Medjesky, Connell, Megan Sigler, Pat Sandora, Mellor, Colleen Brynes, Justin Bryan, Mick Henninger, John Buco, Ben Wacker, Amy Dalbon and Tom Burkhart.

Cell phone reception to improve in area



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by Willis Bretz
Staff Writer

Attention: Cellular One cell phones are now more useful on campus. Instead of being used for door-stops and paperweights, they are now capable of being used for actual phone calls.

A Cellular One phone tower has been erected just outside of town. Before the building of the new tower, a phone-tower on the roof of Giant Eagle in Neshannock was the nearest one to campus.

Vito Yeropoli, a senior sales representative for Cellular One, declared that the initial plan for placing a tower in New Wilmington was developed about a year ago. The reason the process of building the tower has taken so long was a result of delays caused by air-traffic regulations of Youngstown airport.

"The purpose of the tower is to provide and expand service to our customers in the New Wilmington area," said Yeropoli. With an understanding that the majority of college students own cell phones, Yeropoli believes that those with Cellular One phone service will soon be experiencing excellent reception on campus. For students with other phone services wondering if they will benefit from this tower, there is also hope for them. According to Yeropoli, cell phone service providers with roaming agreements with Cellular One will be able to use the tower as well.

Yeropoli is willing to answer any questions that students might have for him and they can call him at 724-651-2044.

16 days dedicated to gender violence awareness

by Melissa Logan
Senior Staff Writer

Everyday, women are sexually and physically abused, oppressed, and victimized in nations around the world. To raise awareness about this violence, the Peace Studies Program, Gender Studies Program, and the College's chapter of Amnesty International are sponsoring several activities on campus. The "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence" began Nov. 25 and runs until Dec. 10.

"I hope this campaign gets people talking about violence against women right here in our community," said Amnesty member and senior Tara Billock. "This is a topic that desperately needs to be discussed in the open. It tends to be kept in the dark."

Throughout these 16 days, four major events were planned to help raise awareness on campus. The Peace Studies Coffee House hosted the first of these four events Dec. 3.

At the coffee house, Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County Education Director Debbie Wiech spoke with students about the threats and realities of rape. Wiech told those attending how to be protected from becoming a victim and how to support those who have already been victimized.

"I never realized how many people I know that have been sexually assaulted," said senior Isaac Ludwig after attending the Coffee House. "I also realized tonight that some of these situations were not handled as seriously as they should have been."

The Westminster Chapter of Amnesty International encouraged students and faculty to pledge their support of ending violence against women by wearing a white ribbon.

This ribbon campaign began in 1991 when a group of Canadian men spoke out against violence toward women. For men, the ribbons are symbolic of men's opposition to male violence against women.

"This ribbon is also symbolic to women representing solidarity, encouragement, and support," said Billock. "Women on campus that have been victimized now see that there is a base for support."

Amnesty International displayed additional information about the campaign and asked the Westminster community to take action to end violence toward women. The group provided sample letters to send to U.S. and world leaders detailing concerns surrounding violence.

Many letters urged the country's government to pass laws that ensure women's human rights, protect women from violence, and grant protection for those who cannot protect themselves.

These letters are still available for anyone interested by contacting Amnesty International members Billock or sophomore Nawal Rajeh.

A candle light vigil will also be held next Monday, Dec. 8 at 5:30pm at the Peace Pole. Here, participants will honor and remember all victims of violence. Attendees are encouraged to bring and read original poems about how violence has affected their life of the lives of others.

Recognizing the seriousness and frequency of sexual violence on college campuses, Westminster is in the process of creating a joint faculty and student rape task force. This group will work to better educate the campus community about rape and work as advocates for students who have been sexually assaulted.

Faculty or students wanting to serve on the committee or show their support for this project may do so by contacting Dr. Andrea Grove at groveak@westminster.edu.

"Until we can talk about these issues, we will never be successful at diminishing the violence," said Billock.

Additional information about this event, Amnesty International, or what the community can do to end violence is available by emailing Billock at billoctn@westminster.edu or Rajeh at rajehng@westminster.edu.

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"I was very moved by the experience, and left feeling calm and collected," senior Sara Kimbell said. "It was such an amazing presentation. And now I have sand to bless my apartment."

The Monks were brought to the college as the first of the bi-annual Heinz Lecture Series on religion and the religions. The series will bring various academic and theological scholars who study religion and the religions to our campus, thus furthering the college community's understanding of various peoples and their beliefs.

The Gaden Lhopa monastery is currently located in the Tibetan colony in exile in India in Mundgod in the state of Karnataka. These Monks are Tibetan Monks of the Gelugpa denomination of Tibetan Buddhism led by Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama, and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989.

In addition to creating the beautiful sand mandala, the Monks also did a number of lectures. On Monday evening the head Lama gave an introductory talk on Buddhism.

Tuesday afternoon featured the head Lama in a joint Peace Studies coffeehouse/Diversity Symposium talk on the Buddhist idea of peace and how that relates to the Chinese occupation of Tibet. Then on Tuesday evening they demonstrated part of an instrumental prayer that was followed by a talk on the Buddhist understanding of mind from a younger monk.

"The monks were a nice change from today's culture. They presented new information that was very enlightening," freshman Tracy Hefner said.

For pictures of the Monks and the mandala visit Dr. Bryan Rennie's website at http://www.westminster.edu/staff/brennie/RelandRels.htm

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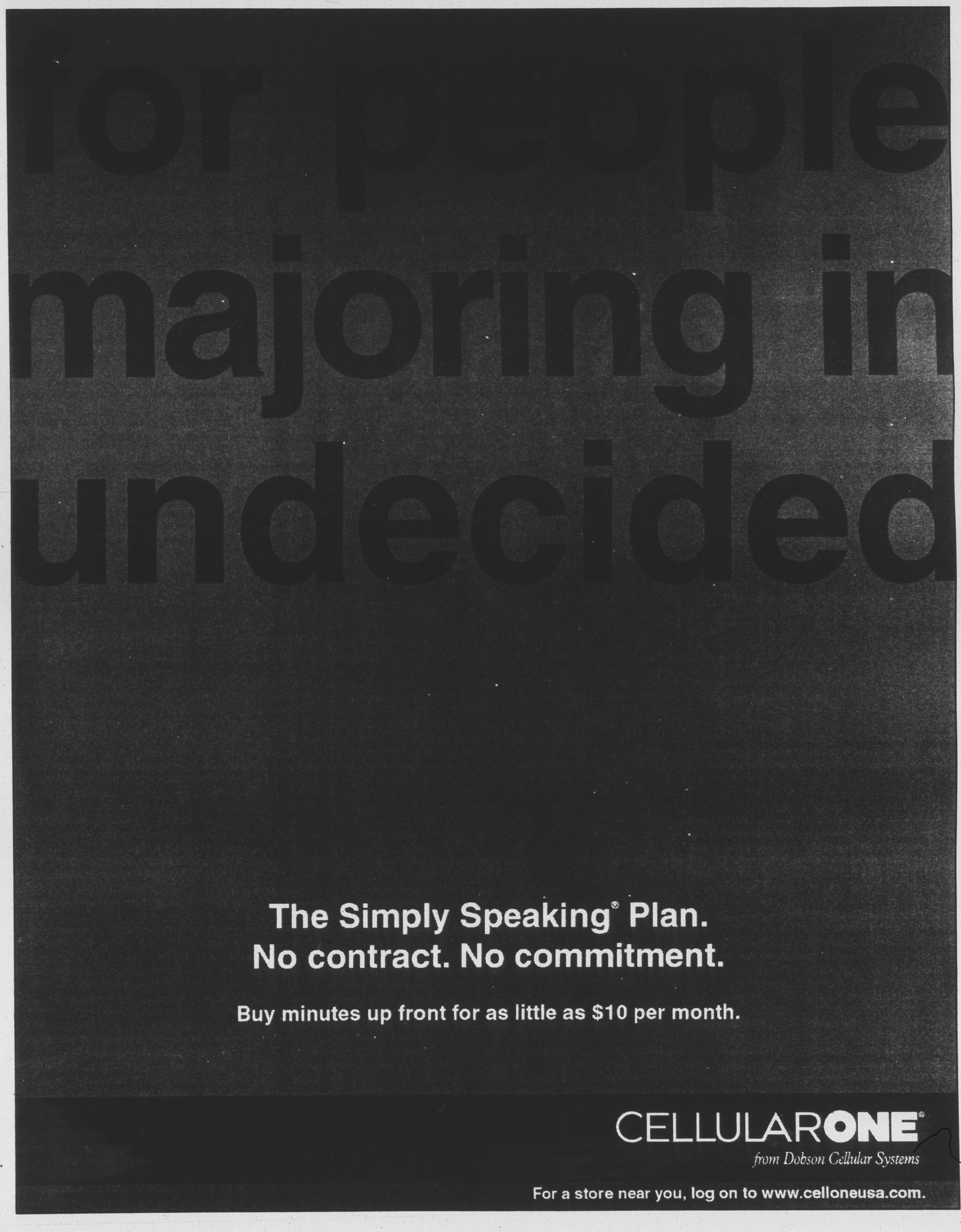
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Auf Wiedersehen: German major and minor cancelled

by Josh Storey
Co-Editor In Chief

Sie haben das Deutsche Hauptfach abgesagt. The administration plans to drop German. Starting next year, in coming students will no longer be able to take the foreign language as a major or minor.

Jesse Mann, Vice President of Academic Affairs, explained the reasons why German was cut. He dispelled rumors that the decision was due to a hiring freeze. No such freeze exists.

There were actually three different factors in the choice to cut German. "The numbers just weren't there," Mann said. Incoming German students have decreased significantly over the past few years.

Area high schools are not offering German any more. "Enrollments in German at Westminster have been weak, in large part because very little German is offered in Westminster's feeder high schools which are typically located within a 50-100 mile radius of New Wilmington and from which we draw almost all of our students," said Jacob Erhardt, head of the German department.

Add to this the fact that the school is also planning to decrease professors' workload from 7 classes per semester, to 6. In order to do this the administration has to cut 45 classes from the schedule. Cutting German will help reach this aim.

A reduced workload means more preparation time for professors. "We want to give them a chance to do what they do better," Mann said.

Finally, Erhardt, the sole full time professor, will retire at the end of the next semester. Erhardt has been teaching at Westminster for 36 years.

The combination of these three factors has led to German's cancellation. "It's nothing against German," Mann said. "It was the opportune moment."

However, dropping German does add up for students in the major. "I think that is just awful that they should even consider getting rid of the German major," said sophomore German minor Amy Sasfai. "German is the number one business language in the world, and Westminster would be depriving her students of a full liberal arts education without this course track," Sasfai added.

Many German majors are worried about graduation. "I am really quite scared to tell you the truth," said first year student, Monica Habsburg. "If they are canceling it, how am I going to finish with my major?"

Mann assures that current majors will be able to finish out their studies without problems. "Holding students harmless is always our moto," Mann said. The cancellation will only affect in coming students starting next fall.

The low numbers in upper level German classes is not a deterrent to visiting professor Ingrid Both-Hoesl, "The smaller the classes, the more a student learns especially in foreign languages. The atmosphere in advanced conversation and composition was very positive due to the low number of students," Both-Hoesl said.

While there seems to be animosity in the department towards the cancellation of the German major, Erhardt sees both sides of the argument. "It will impoverish the cultural diversity afforded students at Westminster, as would the dropping of any other liberal arts major. However, I do understand the position of the administration," he said.

Studying abroad will not be affected by the cancellation. Also, the 201 classes will still be offered to allow students with prior German experience to complete their language requirement.

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Former Student Scheduled for Indecent Assault Trial

An ex-Westminster student and soccer player will go on trial in Allegheny County in less than two weeks where he faces indecent assault charges. According to the Allegheny County District Attorney's office, Michael Arrigo goes on trial on December 15th on two counts of indecent assault and one count of aggravated indecent assault. The alleged crimes occurred at the University of Pittsburgh last spring at a residence hall. Public records identified Arrigo as a non-student. Reports also indicated Arrigo turned himself over to Pitt Police on March 19, 2003. Assistant District Attorney Bruce Beamer says a conviction on the aggravated indecent assault charge could carry at 5 to 10 year prison sentence.

Sex Crime Reports Increase at Penn State

Police say they have investigated three times the number of sexual assaults in State College since students returned at the end of August—compared to the same period last year. State College police have received 29 reports of what are defined as "sexual attacks," up from nine during the same period last year.

WC Crime Stats Show a Decline

Safety officials here at Westminster say that students should feel safe on campus and in the residence halls. By law the college must publicize all crime statistics. They're available on Westminster's website. Dean of Safety & Security John Lechner says you will see a decline in crime when the new crimes statistics are released. According to the 2002 stats, one rape was reported on campus. However, officials say no rapes were reported this semester. Other crimes such as burglary are also down this semester. Lechner says he believes adding keyless entry systems to the residence halls and adding campus-based security personnel have contributed to the drop in crime. Lechner also stresses the need for students to report all crimes in order for his department can take appropriate action.

You can use the link below to view the Westminster's crime statistics for 2000, 2001 and 2002. http://www.westminster.edu/safety/brochure/ClearyReport_8.html

Rec Center Hours

The Marge Walker Recreation Center has been open since homecoming. It's received great reviews from faculty and students. But the added gym facility doesn't mean students have more time to work out. The center opens at one in the afternoon during the weeks—however; many students say they want to work out in the mornings. Student Government Association Judicial Chair Jessica Rummel says SGA has started a petition outside the center to push the idea that students want a change. Rummel says more than 145 students have signed the petition for earlier hours.

Registration for Internships

This week students who plan to carry out internships can put the paperwork in motion. The Registrar's office says students adding an internship, honors, field experience or an independent study may also process the appropriate forms this week. You must pick up an add/drop card in the Registrar's Office and have it signed along with the appropriate form. Paperwork for internships is available in the Career Center. There are no fees for adding this week.

Late Registration for Spring

Students who couldn't register for spring classes last month can now register for classes this week if all holds have been cleared. There is a $100 late registration fee for students who do not register by the end of the third day of classes in January.

Sigma Nu Plans to Reopen House and Repair Reputation

While most students are focused on finals and the Christmas break, the members of Sigma Nu are focused on the spring semester. Fraternity president Tony Griffith says work is underway to re-open the Sig Nu house and revamp the Sig Nu reputation. Griffith says that almost a year after the fraternity went on suspension, the brothers are making plans to fix up their house and their standing among the Greek organizations on campus. Sigma Nu members plan to kick of the spring semester with some community service projects and actively participate in other philanthropic endeavors.

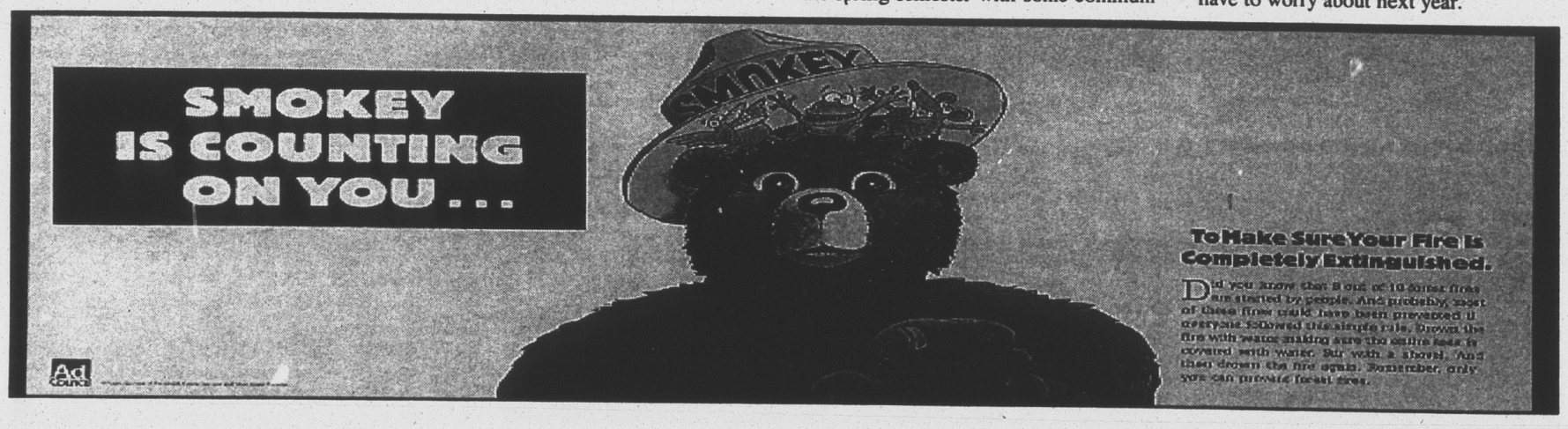
Greek Recruitment for Women

Formal recruitment for sororities begins on Monday, December 1st. Women interested in any of the Greek organizations can sign up outside the cafeteria this week. Organizers also want prospective members to be aware they will need to return from winter break a day early. While classes begin January 21st, sororities will meet with potential pledges on Tuesday, January 20th.

Community Service Paperwork Deadline

Registrar June Garner says all WC juniors should mark March 30th on their calendars. That's the deadline to turn in the paperwork for Community Service Projects. All WC students must complete a Community Service Project to graduate—however; the projects won't count unless you get the paperwork in by the deadline. The Registrar says if you can't remember if you took care of the paperwork you can check Web Student degree audit report. And for those juniors who fail to turn in the paperwork—you won't be allowed to pre-register for classes next fall.

The Registrar also says sophomores and first-year students also think about getting their Community Service Projects out of the way—she says if you get all the paperwork in that's one thing you don't have to worry about next year.



AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Another police brutality murder case becomes a race issue

CINCINNATI (AP) A 400-pound black man died after being struck repeatedly by police wielding metal nightsticks, and the mayor said Monday a videotape showed that the officers were defending themselves.

The cause of death was under investigation.

Black activists say the death Sunday of Nathaniel Jones, 41, was another example of brutality involving Cincinnati police. The fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by a white police officer in April 2001 prompted three nights of rioting in the city.

"How many of our people have to die before the city decides to do something about it?" said Nathaniel Livingston Jr. of the Coalition for a Just Cincinnati.

The officers who were at the scene Sunday - five whites and one black - were placed on administrative leave, which is policy while investigators examine any police encounter that results in a death.

Sunday's confrontation was videotaped by a camera on a police cruiser. After seeing the video, Mayor Charlie Luken rejected activists' demand that he force police Chief Thomas Streicher Jr. to resign.

"What I saw was a 400-pound man violently attacking a police officer in a manner that put the lives of police officers at risk," Luken said. "While the investigations will continue, there is nothing on those tapes to suggest that the police did anything wrong."

Luken said he agreed with the initial police assessment that the officers who struggled with Jones defended themselves as they were trained to do when attacked.

An employee at a fast-food restaurant called 911 early Sunday to report that a man had passed out on the grass outside. Emergency personnel arrived and reported that the man was awake and "becoming a nuisance," according to police radio transmissions.

The first two officers to arrive, Baron Osterman and James Pike, were shown on the video striking Jones after he was warned to stay back. Jones then lunged at one of the two white officers and knocked him down. The officers kept yelling "put your hands behind your back" as they struggled to handcuff him.

They called for an ambulance when Jones appeared to be in distress. He died within minutes of arriving at University Hospital, Assistant Chief Richard Janke said. The reason for Jones' behavior is not known, Janke said.

Black activist groups staged an economic boycott of Cincinnati after the 2001 shooting of Timothy Thomas, 19, who was wanted on prior charges of fleeing police when he ran from officers. Officer Stephen Roach shot him in a dark alley and was later cleared at trial of criminal charges.

Sexual assault case investigations triple at PSU

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) Police have investigated three times the number of sexual assaults in State College since students returned at the end of August, compared to the same period last year, police said.

Since Aug. 25, when most Penn State students began arriving for the fall semester, State College police have received 29 reports of what are defined as "sexual attacks," up from nine incidents during the same period last year.

"Sexual attacks" are defined by police to include any type of unwanted sexual contact, from touching to rape. Of the 29 reports, 13 were for rapes and 16 were for sexual assaults or indecent assaults.

Penn State officials also saw a rise in the number of reported sexual attacks since right before the fall semester, though the increase is not as pronounced as what police had seen.

"One (reason) would be an increased awareness and, therefore, more victims report them," said university police supervisor Bill Moerschbacher. "Or it could be that there are just more happening."

Whatever the reason, undergraduate student government president Ian Rosenberger called the statistics "unacceptable."

"According to our estimates, almost 1,000 students at University Park alone will be assaulted this year," Rosenberger said.

Penn State keeps its own figures on the number of sexual attacks on campus, including those not reported to police. The school's numbers show an increase, but not one as marked as police reports indicate.

Although Penn State's own statistics aren't complete for this semester, they show that there were 100 reported sexual assaults for the 2002-2003 academic year, up from 94 incidents the previous year, University Health Services Director Dr. Peg Spear said.

Police and other officials are unsure why the number of reports are increasing.

Dawn McKee, director of education for the Centre County Women's Resource Center, said she believes the rise reflects that "victims are more comfortable, they know that help is out there," she said. "The more training for responders, the less the victims will feel that they are being blamed. Blame silences victims."

The publicity after a number of stranger attacks that occurred this fall may also have raised awareness of sexual assaults in general, McKee said. That might have led to an increase in the number of reported attacks committed by acquaintances, she said.

Of the 29 attacks reported to State College police between Aug. 25 and Nov. 27, only six were committed by someone the victim didn't know.

U.S. Department of Justice statistics show that fewer than 5 percent of college women who are victims of rape or attempted rape ever report it to police.

While officials recognize that the same is probably true in State College, they hope that by educating responders and victims, more attacks will be reported.

"We're hoping the system in place here is working," State College police Sgt. Dana Leonard said. "Officers have so much more training than they did when I was just starting out years ago. I think it's better now, easier for victims to come forward."

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Deadly hunting accident

WARFORDSBURG, Pa. (AP) A father and son killed when a tree fell on their vehicle were on their way to shop for hunting supplies when the accident occurred, according to a relative.

Carlen R. Kalbach Jr., 57, and Richard Cory Kalbach, 24, were killed in the accident, which state police said occurred around 1:15 p.m. Saturday. Richard Kalbach was driving along Old Route 126 near Warfordsburg, about 80 miles southwest of Harrisburg, when a large white-pine tree fell on the vehicle, state police said.

Nicole Kalbach, of Warfordsburg, the wife and mother of the victims, said they were on their way to a sporting-goods store to buy hunting supplies at the time of the accident.

The father and son also shared a love of the rodeo, she said Sunday.

"They both were professional bull riders," she said. "Different eras, but they both did that."

Mayor in trouble for comments

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) When a third-grader asked Harrisburg mayoral spokesman Randy King last month whether there were any snakes in the city, he reportedly replied in the affirmative, adding: "but we usually elect them to city council."

King apologized for the remarks, which were printed in The Patriot-News, but the council called the apology "very feeble." In a two-page letter to Mayor Stephen R. Reed, the council demanded that King resign, "be immediately removed from his position," or be transferred from working as city spokesman.

"He felt that his retort, referring to the local elected officials as snakes, was both appropriate and funny. Nothing could be further from the truth," wrote Harrisburg City Council president Richard K. House Sr., signing on behalf of all seven council members.

House's letter to Reed also demanded King be forced to attend diversity training, make a public apology and return to the third-grade class "to explain his inappropriate actions and also to apologize to those students."

Messages left Monday morning for House and Reed were not immediately returned. Reed's office said King was out all week.

Boy stabbed in school bathroom

VANDALIA, Ohio (AP) A 16-year-old student at Vandalia-Butler High School was stabbed in the leg in a school restroom Monday, authorities said.

The boy was stabbed repeatedly in the thigh and other parts of his leg, said Steve Martin, spokesman for Vandalia city schools.

Martin said the victim, who was not identified, was taken to Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton with what appeared to be non-life-threatening injuries.

The boy said his assailant was wearing a black ski mask, said police Lt. Harry Busse. Police found the knife, a medium-sized straight blade, on the floor of the restroom.

Busse said the assailant could be a student or someone who came into the school.

"It seems like a totally random act," he said.

After the stabbing, school officials locked down the building, keeping students in their classrooms. The lockdown was lifted after police recovered the knife and began investigating.

The stabbing occurred about 7:40 a.m. after the student left his homeroom to go to the restroom, Martin said. He said no threats were made to the school and that authorities do not know the motive for the stabbing.

Vandalia is about 10 miles north of Dayton.

Model trains draw big crowds

PITTSBURGH (AP) Eight decades ago, a World War I veteran from Brookville began building a model railroad as hobby while he recuperated from a gassing in the trenches of France.

Now, what began as Charles Bowdish's hobby has been a holiday fixture in Pittsburgh for nearly 50 years. The Miniature Railroad and Village attracts some 350,000 visitors to the Carnegie Science Center, where it's been since 1992 after first coming to the old Buhl Planetarium in 1953. While there, the display was so popular that admissions for the Christmas season alone generated much of the planetarium's annual income.

The 83-by-30-foot display is twice the size as when it first arrived in Pittsburgh. It depicts each season and the sun sets every seven minutes as a train logs 72 miles a day. It's now run by a computer system and requires nearly 40 volunteers, three part-timers and two salaried staff to keep it on track 10 months a year.

"It's not just helter skelter," said Don Leech, who oversees the railworks with a striped cap on his head. "There's an order here, and I'm just one of the people who keep it all running."

"Generations have seen the trains, from all over Pennsylvania. It's how we mark the years," Leech said of the display, which opened Friday. "Every Thanksgiving, every Christmas, you go to see the trains."

NATIONAL

Presidential primary campaign race heats up in Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) The intensity of the race for Iowa's leadoff precinct caucuses has gone up yet another notch, and that only makes sense because there really is a lot at stake on the evening of Jan. 19.

Campaigns will be made and broken that night, and the rivals will hurl themselves into a white-hot six-week stretch during which, in all likelihood, a nominee will be selected.

There's no time to stumble and then recover from a mistake and there will be incredible pressure from both the media and from elder statesmen within the party to settle the issue as soon as possible.

Initially, it's a battle between former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and Missouri Rep. Richard Gephardt, bunched together atop the polls for Iowa's caucuses.

With a 20-year campaign history in the state, Gephardt can't afford to lose this one. If Dean slips past Gephardt in Iowa, it's hard to see where he wins.

For Dean, a win would send him surging into New Hampshire eight days later with a boatload of momentum to build an already substantial lead he holds over Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, and some think that could put him on the road to the nomination.

The most recent debate underscored how well the rivals understand this dynamic, because Dean was bashed for the entire two hours.

"He cut Medicaid, he cut the prescription-drug program ... He cut funding for the blind and disabled," Gephardt warned of Dean's record as governor.

Kerry repeatedly hammered Dean on his commitment to spending under the Medicare program offering health care for the elderly.

"I'd like to slow the pace of this debate," Dean countered, handling most of the attacks with humor, retaining his hold on a temper he clearly has.

With Dean seen by many as the front-runner at this point, there are a couple of campaigns going on. The first is to see if Dean can manipulate his way through the very dangerous days ahead. Being a front-runner is not an easy chore.

"Every front-runner gets in trouble," said California-based Democratic consultant Bill Carrick. "Once an insurgent candidate breaks out of the pack, there's usually some buyer's remorse that sets in and brings them back to earth."

The second race that's going on is to determine who will become the "anti-Dean" as the race unfolds, an important position to fill. A lot of strategists are betting Dean will be able to hold his momentum through Iowa and New Hampshire, regardless of whether he actually wins both states.

At that moment, the campaign then heads south and west with Feb. 3 primaries in South Carolina, Arizona, New Mexico, Missouri, Oklahoma and Delaware. It's very likely that early stumbles will have narrowed the field to two or three candidates by this point.

Many strategists argue that at precisely the moment the campaign moves south and west, many moderate Democrats will begin worrying about nominating a former governor of a tiny state who they worry is too liberal.

This argument holds that moderate Democrats will then pressure to unite behind a single alternative to Dean. The campaigns of Kerry, North Carolina Sen. John Edwards and retired Gen. Wesley Clark are all based on emerging as that alternative.

If that's the way things play out, that single alternative is likely to be the candidate who has bested expectations in some of the early tests. That means a lot of people will be looking to see not only who wins, but who performs better than expected.

The difference between third place and fourth place in Iowa has real meaning. Candidates who haven't been tested in earlier races likely don't appreciate the heat the race will get from a press corps in full roar after the first of the year.

Precisely at the moment the rhetoric is escalating, a hoard of journalists will descend on the state to enlarge the megaphone affect.

The next - and final - escalation of intensity comes when that hoard lands.

There is some irony in the timing. Just as the campaign breaks through to become a real media event in the final few weeks, the smartest handlers have their candidates on autopilot, repeating the stump speech time and again.

Bush turns his focus to the economy in accordance with re-elcetion tradition

WASHINGTON (AP) American presidents seeking re-election almost always try to rev up the economy a year or so out. George W. Bush is no exception.

And he has a big advantage over most of his predecessors, including his father: an obliging same-party Congress and an accommodating Federal Reserve.

It is little wonder that the economy is finally showing signs of a rebound. With three successive Bush-sponsored tax cuts, a surge in federal deficit spending and Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan willing to hold interest rates at 45-year lows, it seemed only a matter of time.

As the holiday season approaches, new economic indicators show a firming of business activity and rising consumer confidence and spending. The housing market remains strong, unemployment benefit claims are down, stocks are rallying.

"It is not an accident that the third year of a presidential term tends to be the strongest year for the stock market," said David Wyss, chief economist for Standard and Poor's in New York. "The dark cloud here is that somehow, you've got to do something about the budget gap."

The budget, in surplus when Bush took office, is hurtling toward a $500 billion annual deficit.

Failing to restrain spending now could increase the political pressure on Republicans to raise taxes in years to come.

But for now, the GOP Congress and president are on a tear.

Some of the outlays stem from the Sept. 11 attacks, the Iraq war and its aftermath. Bush has pledged to spend what it takes to protect the nation from terrorists.

But the spending spree goes far beyond increases in homeland security and defense spending. It extends to domestic programs that, in the past, Democrats championed and Republicans were criticized for trying to kill or shrink.

Almost three years into his term, Bush has yet to veto a single bill.

Last week, Congress sent him legislation to remake Medicare, offering prescription drug benefits to 40 million elderly and disabled people. Estimated to cost $400 billion over 10 years, the measure was eagerly awaited by Bush, who has promised older Americans help with drug costs.

Congress earlier enacted generous subsidies for American farmers. A $373 billion catchall spending bill awaits lawmakers in December.

A $31 billion energy bill, rife with tax breaks and grants that range from new subsidies for ethanol to help for a shopping center with a Hooters restaurant, got short-circuited last week. But GOP leaders and the White House pledge to try again in January.

Bush strives to avoid the mistakes of his father, who lost in 1992 when voters perceived he was indifferent to a stumbling economy. But, in many ways, the current president is retracing steps of Richard Nixon three decades ago, some analysts suggest.

To win re-election in 1972, Nixon ramped up federal spending and took other actions to juice the economy and financial markets, including imposing wage and price controls to combat inflation.

Nixon won in a landslide. But the economy soon collapsed in a harsh recession.

Inflation is not among Bush's problems. But artificial stimulation of the economy usually backfires.

"There is enormous stimulus in the system," says Robert Rubin, who was President Clinton's treasury secretary. He cites the Bush tax cuts, mushrooming federal deficit, heavy spending on defense and the current low-interest rate environment.

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Taliban associate sentenced

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) The lone woman among a group of American Muslims who tried to ally themselves with the Taliban was sentenced Monday to three years in prison.

October Martinique Lewis, 26, was convicted of wiring money to her husband and a group of men who tried to cross into Afghanistan in 2001 to aid the Taliban in their fight against U.S. soldiers.

"My heart never internalized a hurt so bad that tears are insufficient to explain how it feels to be called a terrorist by my fellow Americans," said Lewis, dressed in traditional Muslim garb covering all but her face. "Even so, I refuse to be bitter. Love and peace remain unyielding in my heart."

U.S. Attorney Charles Gorder said the sentence reflected Lewis' cooperation in the case, and would also send a message that "it is not appropriate to send funds to people engaged in illegal acts."

Last week, Lewis' former husband, Jeffrey Leon Battle, and another of the men, were sentenced to 18 years in prison for conspiracy to levy war against the United States.

Four other men accused of conspiring to travel to Afghanistan have pleaded guilty, and a fifth, accused ringleader Habis Abdulla al Saoub, 37, was killed in a shootout in Pakistan, according to the U.S. government.

The group only made it as far as China and never entered Afghanistan.

Bush puts big business first

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) President Bush has put corporate interests ahead of the environment, weakening clean air and water laws and diminishing the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency, Sen. John Kerry said Monday.

The Massachusetts Democrat, one of nine candidates vying for his party's presidential nomination, said he is the only candidate with an environmental track record and commitment to reversing Bush's environmental policies.

"Bush has buckled to the lobbyists ... and the powerful monied interests who are content with the status quo," Kerry said during a campaign stop in Iowa City.

Kerry also announced the endorsement of Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore., who is one of the leading advocates for the environment in the House.

Blumenauer called Kerry the best candidate for voters who rank protecting the environment a top priority.

"All our candidates care about our environment, but John Kerry has done more on environmental issues and has been fighting our battles longer than anyone else," Blumenauer said as he joined Kerry in the campaign stop.

Mrs. Bush spills the beans

WASHINGTON (AP) Just three days after President Bush returned from a surprise trip to Baghdad, his wife Laura disclosed that she is considering a trip to Afghanistan next spring.

She said: "I'd really like to go. I hope I'll have a chance."

Her statement caught her aides by surprise, but it wasn't the first time that Mrs. Bush had disclosed a secret. She announced that the president would make a state visit to Britain long before it was announced officially.

Mrs. Bush's press secretary, Gordon Johndroe, said it was too early to discuss a trip to Afghanistan and that there was "nothing on the calendar yet."

Mrs. Bush spoke with reporters in the White House driveway as she received the official White House Christmas tree, an 181/2 foot Fraser fir from Wisconsin.

INTERNATIONAL

A-bomb survivors petition to see photos of casualties

TOKYO (AP) Japanese survivors of the world's only nuclear bomb attacks said Monday they will ask the U.S. government and Smithsonian Institution to include figures and photographs of Japanese casualties in a museum exhibit of the American plane that dropped the first bomb.

The Japan Confederation of A-Bomb and H-Bomb Sufferers Organization plan to send a team to Washington on Dec. 11 to deliver a petition of their demands, the group said in a statement on its Web site. They will stage a protest outside the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's new Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, where the restored Enola Gay is to be on display from Dec. 15.

"As victims of the A-bombs, we can't bear to have the Enola Gay, which killed thousands of Hiroshima residents, on public display without including details of the destruction it wrought," Terumi Tanaka, the organization's director, was quoted as saying by Kyodo news agency.

The B-29 bomber, which has been under restoration since 1984, is to be part of a 200-aircraft exhibit on aerospace history in the United States in the new hangar-like museum. It was too large to be housed intact in the main museum.

On Monday, museum spokesman Peter Golkin referred questions about the exhibit to a statement released in early November.

The Enola Gay's label is expected to "tell visitors what the object is and the basic facts concerning its history," including details about its size, technological advances and missions, the statement said.

The exhibit "does not glorify or vilify the role this aircraft played in history," and will feature similarly labeled warplanes, it said. Interactive displays will be added in the future, it said.

Recent U.S. attacks in Samarra kill 54 Iraqis

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) U.S. forces repulsed two coordinated attacks by insurgents in Samarra, killing 54 Iraqis in the bloodiest combat reported since the end of the war that ousted Saddam Hussein's regime, the military said Monday.

But local residents said troops fired randomly at townspeople, and that most of those who died were civilians caught up in the clash.

The scale of the attacks and their apparent coordination indicated that rebel units retain the ability to conduct synchronized operations despite a massive U.S. offensive this month aimed at crushing the insurgency.

A U.S. military spokesman said the clash was initiated by attackers, many wearing uniforms of Saddam's Fedayeen paramilitary force, who simultaneously attacked two U.S. convoys at opposite sides of Samarra, a town 60 miles north of Baghdad.

The scars of the battle were evident on Monday. About a dozen cars lay destroyed in the streets, many apparently crushed by tanks, and bullet holes pocked many buildings. A rowdy crowd gathered at one spot, chanting pro-Saddam slogans. One man fired warning shots in the air when journalists arrived at the scene.

Many residents said Saddam loyalists attacked the Americans, but that when U.S. forces began firing at random, many civilians got their guns and joined the fight. Many said residents were bitter about recent U.S. raids in the night.

"Why do they arrest people when they're in their homes?" asked Athir Abdul Salam, a 19-year-old student. "They come at night to arrest people. So what do they expect those people to do?"

"Civilians shot back at the Americans," said 30-year-old Ali Hassan, who was wounded by shrapnel in the battle. "They claim we are terrorists. So OK, we are terrorists. What do they expect when they drive among us?"

Many residents said the Americans opened fire at random when they came under attack, and targeted civilian installations. Six destroyed vehicles sat in front of the hospital, where witnesses said U.S. tanks shelled people dropping off the injured. A kindergarten was damaged, apparently by tank shells. No children were hurt.

"Luckily we evacuated the children five minutes before we came under attack," said Ibrahim Jassim, a 40-year-old guard at the kindergarten. "Why did they attack randomly? Why did they shoot a kindergarten with tank shells?"

Lt. Col. William MacDonald of the 4th Infantry Division said that after barricading a road, the attackers opened fire from rooftops and alleyways with bombs, small arms, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades. U.S. troops responded with 120mm tank rounds and 25mm cannon fire from Bradley fighting vehicles.

U.S. fire destroyed three buildings the attackers were using, MacDonald said.

"It sounds like the attack had some coordination to it, but the soldiers responded, used their firepower, used tank and Bradley fire and other weapons available to them, to stop this attack and take the fight to the enemy," he said.

MacDonald said the attack was the largest faced by his Task Force Ironhorse, whose mission includes the hunt for Saddam. Military officials in Baghdad said they haven't reported a deadlier attack since May 1, when President Bush declared major combat over. U.S. officials have only sporadically released figures on Iraqi casualties, and wouldn't say whether there has been a deadlier firefight that went unreported.

At least 104 coalition troops have died in Iraq in November, including 79 Americans. In terms of coalition losses, it has been the bloodiest month of the war that began March 20.

In Sunday's firefight in Samarra, the U.S. military initially said 46 Iraqi fighters died and five American soldiers were wounded. But a statement on Monday raised the number of Iraqi dead to 54.

Residents of Samarra disputed those figures, saying at most eight or nine people died. Three bodies lay in the hospital morgue. There was no way to reconcile the accounts.

Shortly after the firefight, four men in a BMW attacked another U.S. convoy in Samarra with automatic rifles, MacDonald said. The soldiers wounded all four men, and found Kalashnikov rifles and grenade launchers in their car.

Also Sunday, two South Korean contractors were killed near Samarra in a roadside ambush in what U.S. officials called a new campaign aimed at undermining international support for the U.S.-led occupation of Iraq. Attacks on Saturday killed seven Spaniards, two Japanese diplomats and a Colombian oil worker.

The two Japanese diplomats were flown to Kuwait and arrangements are being made for transporting them home, a Japanese diplomat said Monday on condition of anonymity.

U.S. officials said insurgents were targeting citizens of nations that support the occupation of Iraq in an effort to undermine public support. But U.S. and allied officials vowed that multinational forces would not be cowed.

"They clearly are targeting coalition members in an effort to intimidate all allies in Iraq and discourage their participation in the reconstruction of Iraq," coalition spokesman Dan Senor said.

In Seoul, the South Korean government vowed to stick by plans to send up to 3,000 troops to Iraq despite the killing of two South Korean engineers.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi reiterated Monday his vow that the attack on the Japanese diplomats would not alter Tokyo's commitments to send non-combat troops, provide humanitarian aid and participate in the reconstruction of Iraq.

—International Briefs

Vatican addresses AIDS

VATICAN CITY (AP) The Vatican, under fire for opposing condoms in the fight against AIDS, renewed its call Monday for people to practice chastity as a means of prevention.

In a message addressed to the international community for World AIDS Day, the Vatican said people, especially the young, must be helped to "adopt morals and a style of life that respects the authentic values of life and love. We have to present this as the main way for the effective prevention of infection and spread of HIV/AIDS."

The message by Cardinal Javier Lozano Barragan, president of the Pontifical Council for Health Pastoral Care, urged everyone to "step up prevention according to the doctrine of the Church, to practice the virtue of chastity in a pan-sexualist society."

The Vatican has come under renewed criticism for its opposition to using condoms to prevent the transmission of HIV.

In October, the U.N. World Health Organization labeled as dangerous and "totally wrong" comments by a top Vatican cardinal, Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, that condoms don't sufficiently protect against AIDS. Lopez Trujillo contended the HIV virus is small enough to pass through them.

Catholics for a Free Choice, a Catholic group that supports abortion rights, said it was launching an educational campaign Monday to correct the Vatican "misinformation" about the effectiveness of condoms.

Reconstruction to begin

HERAT, Afghanistan (AP) U.S. and Afghan officials on Monday inaugurated a joint military-civilian reconstruction mission in western Afghanistan, part of an effort to bring stability to the country's troubled provinces.

About 60 U.S. troops are being deployed in the city of Herat to foster security and carry out relief projects in four western provinces close to Afghanistan's borders with Iran and Turkmenistan.

The so-called Provincial Reconstruction Team is the sixth of its kind sent to provincial Afghan cities. Three are operated by the United States, while forces from Britain, Germany and New Zealand each run one team.

Worried by the re-emergence of Taliban guerillas, the power of regional warlords and burgeoning drug production, the United Nations and the Afghan government have called strongly for more international troops to be sent to the provinces.

Ministers from members of NATO, which commands the international peacekeeping force in Kabul, opened a meeting Monday in Brussels to discuss how they can supply more troops to expand that operation into key cities around the country.

Two years after the fall of the Taliban, there are still about 11,600 U.S.-led coalition forces in Afghanistan trying to track down anti-government forces. The international peacekeepers under NATO command number about 5,500.

Gen. John Abizaid, the chief of the U.S. Central Command, visited American troops searching for rebels in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday.

Ozzy opens up about abuse

LONDON (AP) Ozzy Osbourne has told a British newspaper that he was sexually molested repeatedly as a child and suffered emotional effects from the abuse long into adulthood.

The rocker, who grew up in a working-class neighborhood of Birmingham, said two older youths began abusing him after school when he was 11, and it continued on a regular basis, Osbourne is quoted as saying in The Daily Mirror.

He told the paper that he was afraid to report the incidents to his parents and only this year began to come to terms with the emotional effects of the abuse.

"Everything when you are a kid affects you in later life," said Osbourne, the former Black Sabbath lead singer. "If you build a wall with rocky foundations you are going to have pretty unstable wall when it's finished."

Osbourne last month postponed a planned European tour until next year because of the effects of medication he's taking to treat tremors. He and his family have enjoyed a higher profile since they opened up their home life for MTV.

SPORTS

Presenting Takah's Outstanding Titans

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

As I considered what to cover for my last "Holcad" assignment of the semester, a light bulb turned on in my head.

Over the course of the semester, several Titan athletes have distinguished themselves on the field of play. I see it fit to reward these student-athletes for athletic excellence.

I present "Takah's Titans," an All-Westminster Squad for the fall of 2003, compiled by me.

I've included the four major fall sports: men's football, men's and women's soccer, and women's volleyball. I've included as many people from each squad as I've seen appropriate based on athletic excellence.

For the football team, junior running back Scott Froelich earns his laurels as "Takah's Offensive Titan of the Year," while junior linebacker Jerry Bonenberger earns "Takah's Defensive Titan of the Year."

In the 2003 season; Froelich earned PAC Player of the Year, carrying 281 times for 1,486 yards and 15 touchdowns. He also caught 15 balls for 193 yards and two scores. He accounted for yet two more touchdowns, coming on pass attempts.

Bonenberger accounted for a team high 102 tackles, five sacks, two interceptions, and a defensive score. Both Froelich and Bonenberger were named to the First Team All-PAC team.

Other Titans receiving consideration include senior offensive lineman Glenn Silvidi, Aaron Detwiler, and Jim Chaney, senior wide receiver Brian Ekis, senior fullback Ryan Mitchell, junior quarterback Joe Getsy, and junior defensive end Don Waldron.

For the men's soccer team, senior Matt Roser earns the title of "Takah's Soccer Titan." Roser became the program's all-time leader in goals and points this season. Roser posted eight scores and four assists on the season.

Senior netminder Kevin Humberston and senior forward Todd Fisher also received consideration.

The entire Lady Titans soccer team earns one of the prestigious "Takah's Lady Titan" awards. The Lady Titans captured their second consecutive PAC crown, defeating arch-rival Grove City, 3-2 in the PAC Championship.

The other "Takah's Lady Titan" award goes to senior outside hitter Diana Barnes of the volleyball team. Barnes posted 345 kills, 51 service aces, 322 digs, and 82 blocks in 2003.

Sophomore outside hitter Erin Hinks received consideration.

Ultimately, the fall season saw another competitive season for Titan athletics.

The Lady Titans soccer squad captured their second straight PAC title.

The Titan football team claimed a third place finish in the PAC, having a chance to share the crown before losing to eventual champion Waynesburg.

The men's soccer team lost to Grove City by the count of 2-1 in overtime in the PAC semifinals.

The Lady Titan volleyball squad fell to Waynesburg in the PAC championship game.

To all graduating seniors on my list of excellent athletes, good luck in every endeavor you pursue. To all those returning for action next season, show me something next season, and I'll think about including you again.

Also, everyone enjoy a safe and happy holiday season.

Sports shorts

Men's Basketball

The Westminster College men's basketball team saw its overall record drop to 1-3 on the season tonight in Erie, as the Titan cagers suffered their third consecutive defeat with a 91-63 non-conference loss at Penn State-Behrend.

Westminster jumped out to a quick 7-2 advantage and led for the first 10 minutes of the game before Behrend took its first lead at 21-19 with 9:56 to go in the period. With the score tied 21-21, the Lions took control by going on a 17-2 run to build a 38-23 advantage with 4:06 left in the half. After leading 46-33 at the half, Behrend saw Westminster cut the lead to nine points (48-39) with 17:07 to play in the game. However, the Lions responded with a 17-5 run to build a 21-point lead (65-44) with 9:44 to go. The Titans would get no closer than 18 points the rest of the way. PS-B shot a sizzling 60 percent (36-of-60) from the field and 87 percent (13-of-15) from the line in the victory.

Behrend was paced by James Curren with a game-high 25 points. For Westminster, three players scored in double figures led by junior forward Pat O'Connor (Pittsburgh/Keystone Oaks H.S.) with a team-high 16 markers on 8-of-14 shooting from the floor. Junior guards Chris Hatch (Canfield, OH/South Range H.S.) and Ed Pagley (New Castle/New Castle H.S.) each added 10 points in the loss, with Pagley also collecting a team-best five rebounds in his first action of the season after missing the first three games due to injury.

The Titan cagers will play the third game of their current four-game road trip this Saturday, Dec. 6, as Westminster travels to face Frostburg State University in a non-conference game in Frostburg, Md. Tip-off is slated for 3 p.m.

Women's Basketball

The Westminster College women's basketball team saw its overall record drop to 2-4 on the season, as Otterbein College (4-0) used a big second half to remain undefeated with an 82-52 defeat of the Lady Titans in Westerville, Ohio.

Westminster jumped out to a quick 9-2 lead in the first 3:45 of the contest, but Otterbein closed and took its first lead at 20-19 with 10:14 left in the half. With the game tied 25-25 with 7:56 to go in the period, the Cardinals took control by going on a 7-0 run for a 32-25 lead with 3:45 left. Otterbein went into halftime up by eight points (36-28). The Lady Titans scored the first basket of the second half to cut the lead to six points at 36-30, only to see Otterbein put the game away with an 18-4 run, giving the Cardinals an 18-point lead (52-34) with 13:22 to go. Westminster would get no closer than 16 the rest of the way, as Otterbein outscored the Lady Titans 46-24 in the second half.

Three players scored in double figures for the Cardinals, led by Brianne Gray with 18 points off the bench. For Westminster, the lone player to score in double digits was junior forward Erica Tallo (Oakdale/West Allegheny H.S.), who posted team-high totals of 16 points, eight rebounds and four steals. Freshman guard Desiree Sterling (Newton Falls, OH/Newton Falls H.S.) added nine points and tied classmate Rachel Eaton (Rimersburg/Union H.S.) for team assist honors with three apiece.

The Lady Titans return home this Saturday, Dec. 6, as Westminster hosts local rival Allegheny College in a non-conference game at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium. Tip-off is slated for 1 p.m.

PAC News

The 2003-04 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Men's & Women's All-Sports Trophy races are very close after the completion of the 2003 fall sports season. Grove City College holds a narrow lead on the men's side, while Grove City and Westminster are tied for the lead in the women's race. The all-sports trophies are awarded to the schools which perform the best across the board in league competition. First-place finishes are worth six points, second place is worth five points, etc.

In men's competition, Grove City coupled a PAC Championship in cross country with second and fourth place finishes in soccer and football, respectively, to finish the fall campaign with 14 points, ahead of Westminster (13), Washington & Jefferson (11), Waynesburg (10), Bethany (7) and Thiel (7). Westminster captured the men's all-sports trophy in 2002-03, breaking Grove City's five-year run.

On the women's side, Grove City captured PAC crowns in cross country and tennis, while Westminster recorded a league title in soccer and a second-place finish in volleyball to each finish with 19 points, ahead of Waynesburg (15), Bethany (11), Washington & Jefferson (11) and Thiel (9). Grove City has captured the women's trophy three straight years and eight of the last nine entering 2003-04.

Following are the current 2003-04 PAC All-Sports Trophy standings for each sport through the Fall 2003 seasons:

2003-04 MEN'S STANDINGS

1. Grove City College - 14 points
2. Westminster College - 13 points
3. Washington & Jefferson College - 11 points
4. Waynesburg College - 10 points
5t. Bethany College - 7 points
5t. Thiel College - 7 points

Cross Country (CC)
1. Grove City (6 points)
2. Westminster (5 points)
3. Bethany (4 points)
4. Thiel (3 points)
5. Waynesburg (2 points)

Football (FB)
1. Waynesburg (6 points)
2. Washington & Jefferson (5 points)
3. Westminster (4 points)
4. Grove City (3 points)
5. Thiel (2 points)
6. Bethany (1 point)

Soccer (SC)
1. Washington & Jefferson (6 points)
2. Grove City (5 points)
3. Westminster (4 points)
4. Bethany (3 points)
5. Waynesburg (2 points)
6. Thiel (1 point)

2003-04 WOMEN'S STANDINGS

1t. Grove City College - 19 points
1t. Westminster College - 19 points
3. Waynesburg College - 15 points
4t. Bethany College - 11 points
4t. Washington & Jefferson College - 11 points
6. Thiel College - 9 points

Cross Country (CC)
1. Grove City (6 points)
2. Bethany (5 points)
3. Westminster (4 points)
4. Waynesburg (3 points)
5. Thiel (2 points)
6. Washington & Jefferson (1 point)

Soccer (SC)
1. Westminster (6 points)
2. Grove City (5 points)
3. Washington & Jefferson (4 points)
4. Thiel (3 points)
5. Bethany (2 points)
6. Waynesburg (1 point)

Tennis (TN)
1. Grove City (6 points)
2. Waynesburg (5 points)
3. Westminster (4 points)
4. Bethany (3 points)
5. Washington & Jefferson (2 points)
6. Thiel (1 point)

Volleyball (VB)
1. Waynesburg (6 points)
2. Westminster (5 points)
3. Washington & Jefferson (4 points)
4. Thiel (3 points)
5. Grove City (2 points)
6. Bethany (1 point)

Westminster College Presents...

Mini-Scrawl

~ 2003 ~

A "mini" publication of student poetry and prose

Mister Seaworthy
By Joshua Storey

Mr. Seaworthy dipped his feet into the rushing sea water
Prim, proper, and pedal footed
He walked the shore
Bending to snatch up a crumb
Bit of bread
Ice cream delight from the hands of one less suspecting

There were signs that read:
Do not feed. Please do not feed.

Clitery-d-klat
Clitery-d-klat
of skate board wheels down the
cobble stone street and hooded street
children feigning indifference to the
clashing waves the open sea
blue as the sky but thin white horizon
keeping them apart

And two little girls dance down
the walk, flapping their arms
and dangling their hair that
dances in the salty wind

Like Mr. Seaworthy

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NY Rush
By Carolyn Miller

smooth jazz
what do i know, an educated twit with a passion for fruitless flings and daytime stargazing,
loving the music drifting along through the smoke
what's so smooth other than touch
perhaps skin or silk or grass, something that
brushes against me and sends a shudder through
my body and still i feel that perhaps i'm still dreaming
a vision of jazz

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The Dark Woman You Want Me To Be
By Kate Sweeney

She carries her snake-sense in a suitcase,
the gun in her garter
collecting the glistening syrup
of her thighs. She picks skulls
as white and dry as a virgin.

The dark woman you want me to be is
a Mexican gazelle with knotted knees
like a rat lumped in the depths
of a python, vomiting up bones.

It is when you turn to me, convoluted and say,
"I love her tequila-walk; she is black
righteousness and sinew,"
that your lust is a sickness
I can smell roasting like piss
on desert sand.

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dots
By Elaine Blevins

She is a girl who
dots
her I's with
circles, and
she is not
me

A Woman I Don't Know
By Elisa Suber

The black veil on
your face forms
dark corners that
coat the skin
etchings from
speared men
swimming in
lethargic lip
pools swathed in
stale exhales.

Untimed
By Samuel Seo

I stood where you left me,
your prayer leaving this cold ground
and reaching my father as
darker clouds block and reveal the sky
and I
At the beginning of this night, words being
spoken,
the story went, that she could talk so much
about
her father
and last night he had ice cream
and his wife
her mother found him
passed away in their bed
I know that she is home now
away as her father's brother drove her this
morning
and they are home
kumbaya
and I know that tears are falling on soft
shoulders
rain on soft petals
and they fall away
rise away like warm breath
like warm breath
and I am still standing where you left me
still
and weep for this moment which says
I shall be here
still
until I fall without breath
without time
deliver me kumbaya
let no more pass
let everything pass
this trampled leaf
this dragging worm
this western-lit darkness
and I in this moment's cold unreaching
living
then living

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Excerpt from: Rock-n-Roll
By Sarah Ubry

Since about third grade, my household job was to do the dishes. With five people eating, drinking, and dirtying dishes sometimes for three meals a day, no one wanted to have this job, including me. With much resistance, I began the nightly job after dinner while my parents would clean up. At this time, we turned on the radio to make the time and tasks more enjoyable. Most of the time, I would be the one to turn the radio on. In our "desk room" as we called it, there was a desk with a type writer, a table with some chairs we used to place our school stuff on and use as an extra table for Thanksgiving dinner, a large closet that held winter coats and games. In one corner, there sat a birdcage with two parakeets and in the other, there sat our 10-gallon fish tank. However, right in the middle sat a huge stereo system. It was an old Pioneer model probably older than I was. It had the stereo, a tape player, record player and two huge shelf speakers. The speakers hung from two corners of the room in macramé plant holders my mom made into speaker holders. The sound that these speakers projected was always wonderfully loud. A tall case that my pap had made held the whole stereo system. The bottom of the case was just a shelf that held almost all the records we had, a few others lay on a shelf nearby. When I was young, I would look through them. I liked to look at the covers with the interesting art displayed on them. Like Ted Nugent's, "Cat Scratch Fever", with the woman's nails leaving bloody scraps on Ted's back. Or Led Zeppelin's album "Houses of the Holy", with little naked blond girls all over a mountain, or the Edgar Winter Group's "They Only Come Out at Night" cover with the lead singer (Edgar Winter) who is an albino on the front wearing make up, a diamond necklace and no shirt. All these albums were rock-n-roll maybe a few Christmas ones too. I was never interested in any of these except the Starship album that played my song, "Sara".

So for my nightly ritual I would turn the radio on to my favorite station, Hot 101, which played all new music. My dad would give me a funny face and about ten minutes before he would go in and turn it to one of his stations, either 102.5 DVE or Y103, both rock stations. This would make me so upset. He would come back in to help me rinse and dry the dishes. Then we would play his favorite game. He would sing," People livin' in competition all I want is to have my peace of mind." Then he would say, "Name that band." I would roll my eyes and say, "I don't know and I don't care." "Come on I'll give ya a hint," he'd say, "It begins with a B and it's a city." I really had no idea but humored him most of the time. When he gave me the answer, I would always get a little history on that singer or band, whether I wanted it or not.

As far back as I can remember my father would put on the "Friday Night Concert". In the very room that the stereo was in, the lights would be off, candles would be lit and the melodies of the Moody Blues, the vocals of Robert Plant and the mystical sounds of Fleetwood Mac would fill the house. Often times I would join in dancing with my mom to one of our upbeat songs like Eddie Money's "Take Me Home Tonight". We would sing out our special part, "Be my little baby, baby my darling!" Every time he would play the Eagles song, "I Can't Tell You Why" my parents would slow dance. Sometimes I would squeeze in between them to dance with both. This is the only time I ever saw my father dance. Otherwise, he would take a chair, sit in the middle of the room, and drink a beer to relax. When it was time for us kids to go to bed dad would continue playing on into the night.

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Tigress
By Jarrod Takah

Believe me, she's a tiger.
She lacks only the fangs.
No fangs, but eyes azure.
They pierce just the same.
Her mouth, no blood, just plush,
Yet dangerous the same.
Her body-cunning, agile-
Mysterious, and deadly the same.
She is a hunter.
I am her game.
My heart: her territory.
I stalked her,
Yet I'm the prey.
In love, not in death,
She's killed me today.
Trust me, she's a tiger.
She lacks only stripes.
My heart still bleeds from her bite.

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Jonathan's Dancer
By Elisa Suber

What happened to your skin
I wonder
if her rolling fingers
rubbed around your dry
brown hairs
and lit
your arms on
fire
or
did it drown
itself
catching her perfume
and holding your
sweat in its pores
is it soaked in
her breath
What happened to your eyes
I wonder
if her oily stomach
threw off the pounding
red lights
and contracted
your pupils into
nothing
or
did they surrender
themselves
carved out by
her nipples
are they hiding with
the glitter on
her breasts
What happened to my head
I wonder
how the same
barbed-wire words
that creamed up your throat
and out your lips
tangled my
hair and
grated my
scalp

sparkle
By Elaine Blevins

I am a cloud of sparkle happy
I am beaming
I am loved
The ones I call mama and dad did not
give birth to me but I am proud to be called
theirs

have you ever had a moment where
your parents were bragging about you and you
blushed but inside you were
beaming? I am beaming
I am proud
I am so loved

I am loved!
If I could I would wear long flowing dresses and
dizzy swirling dance through the halls spreading
glitter confetti
I would be deliciously annoying, and I would not care

I am loved!
to hold on to this day, to them to
these tears- to this Knowing

if I had a picture of my mother
I would carry her in my pocket because she is
so beautiful I have written that poem
twenty times before

I am so warm
wrapped tightly in her embraces I get two at least
every time I see her
one when I greet her
one when I leave,
the last
to get me through til the next time

sparkle
I feel so sparkly

and how I am lucky!
most people only get one family
good, bad, whatever one family
but

I am a family hopper foster child give me
family that will have me
I will make myself a stutterfumbly
little place because
the love is new, giving freely of myself is new
being allowed to love is new
and sometimes I get loved too

it makes me sparkle
like the glow of mom that lingers as she passes
sparkle
like light bent by my just tear-spattered glasses
sparkle
like the feeling after every single poem
sparkle
like knowing I am here,
and I am home.

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"If I Had Only Known"
By Elisa Suber, Sara Baines-Miller, John Hanlon, Evann Garrison

If I had only known that the sight of blood made her woozy, I would never have showed her the cut on my right hand. But I didn't know, and I did show her, and then she passed out cold on the kitchen floor.

So, dripping blood as I ran, I got a pillow to put under her head. I don't know why that was my first instinct. I got blood on the pillow as well as the floor between the kitchen and the family room where the dots remain, harder to get out than the red wine I spilled a couple of months earlier, or the spaghetti sauce that soaked the floor beside the rickety TV table I knocked over last week when I got up to answer the phone. I couldn't think about the blood, however; I had to get that pillow under her head.

Even now, I really don't understand the need for a pillow under Piper's head, especially when my right hand was gushing blood. I remember inspecting the wound after I placed the obligatory pillow in its place. I'm sure the gash could have used a few stitches... I probably needed a tetanus shot, as well, because of the layers of rust on the old stove that seemingly attacked my hand, but my mind was not thinking of my health at that point. All I could think about was my daughter lying in blood on the wine and spaghetti sauce-stained floor with a pillow under her head, passed out because of me.

How many other times have I made my daughter pass out because of some wound on my body?

I guess I should confess. My husband used to beat me. Night after night, week after week, it was the same damn thing. Tonight was going to be the last time. I know that what I was planning was wrong, but I knew it had to be this way.

I lit one of Jake's cigarettes and touched it to the helpless and exposed arm of my daughter Piper. I hoped she wouldn't feel anything as I pressed it in again and again. There was no turning back. I added a ninth burn to her left arm as she was regaining consciousness. The tears were streaming down her face, but she wasn't sure where the pain was coming from.

I told her that Daddy sometimes gets angry and does bad things, but that we didn't have to worry anymore. It would all be over soon. I told her to go and run cold water over her burns, making sure not to wake Daddy. As she crept up the steps, I clenched my fist up into a wad of fury, took in a deep breath, and whomped myself in the nose, then the eye, then the other eye. Then, through my own tears, I looked in the kitchen for exactly what I needed to finish my plan. The knife that I had accidentally cut myself with before was lying on the pea green linoleum tile. I walked over and, with shaking hands, picked it up. Before I could think twice, I shoved the bloody butcher knife into my right side, right below my ribs. Fighting back a scream, I slid the knife out of my side, picked up the phone, and dialed 9-1-1.

"Hello," I moaned into the phone, "I've been stabbed... by... by my husband." With the phone cradled by my shoulder next to my ear, I carried the knife to the sink and began to wash off my fingerprints.

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A Conquering Week
By Serah Stauffer

They suspect I have meningitis. I am taken in with a purple, swollen eye and trembling hands. Daddy carries his little bundle through unwelcoming doors into the glare of chaos and is ushered into a room where there is no breeze to cool a soft fevered head. I'm lowered to a bed as a blue-gray face leans over and peers into my own; "Let's see what we got", they liked to calmly say. Can you see that all I need is some juice and a story with a happy ending?

No . . . he didn't see the cure in my eyes, and I feel myself gliding swiftly as the squares on the ceiling move in rigid intervals past my eyes. Pale green splotches break up the glare of white like cabbage stuck in the teeth of a giant monster digesting me into his boiling stomach. Sweaty hands grasp at steel and sheets trying to find the button that will make me go backwards, back up the throat of my nightmare. I wonder what it feels like to be digested.

We abruptly halt and I'm compelled to sit up. Sleepily, I assess the belly of the monster, surprised that it is not dark and I am still on the bed. The attack comes from behind-a sharp pinch right into my spine, squeezing out tears onto the blanket over my shaking legs. I guess I am not very brave and fretfully exclaim this to my captors only to hear sweet reassurance of the opposite. A kind nurse strokes my hand as my body drips into the creature's jaws. I must be still so it can drink peacefully- I decide this is all very unfair. Can I at least have some juice of my own while he drinks mine? Mommy always scared the monsters away before-has it gotten her, too? After he's through, the enemy retracts his fangs and I'm repositioned on the bed, drained of water and questions.

I fight this monster in my dreams long into the night, rescued briefly when awakened by Daddy's noisy breathing in the chair across the cold tile. A nightlight glows just for me through the bars of my sleeping cell, and many padded footsteps swoosh past the doorway, punctuating the slow, steady breath. I watch the rise and fall of his chest, wishing my head were upon it, wishing that we could rise and fall together so I would not be so alone. My arm now branches into tubes, connected to an ugly steel tower gleaming mutedly within the beige walls of the sterile room. It is my guardian although I would prefer the kind nurse who is my only assurance that I am, in fact, brave. Standing tall at its post beside me, its lifelessness pierces me. How dare you be a part of me, I shout to it through my glare. I sleep angrily, lingering in the injustice of it all.

Cold, lumpy eggs wobble towards me in the morning, but I don't feel like eating, especially not lumpy eggs. Especially not their lumpy eggs. What if they have hidden more medicine in them? My guardian would like that, wouldn't he? He'd like some company in my blood. But no medicine eggs for me, thank you. I take the Jell-O instead and gaze at my mother as she spoons it past my chapped lips. My nurse friend comes with a cart full of videos, and I am soon lost in the adventures of Strawberry Shortcake. Periodically, the pale green men come to poke at me, and I'm sure my guardian smiles smugly to himself at the thought of being multiplied.

Seven days later, I am released. It isn't meningitis after all, but cellulitis sounds just as bad to me. Daddy carries out his bundle through those same doors, discharged from uncertainty and restless nights in a chair in a cold tile room. On to next week . . .

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Prejudiced Parent
By Rachel Lange

I bring home a doctor
He'll never have time!
I bring home a lawyer
Unthinkable! Slime!
I bring home a DJ
Does he take drugs?
I bring home a black man
He must be a thug
I bring home a dancer
I know what you'll say-
He dresses too well
Are you sure he's not gay?
I bring home the drummer
From a band I adore
You scoff and demand that I
Aim for much more
I bring home a girl
And you turn a blind eye
I bring home the writer
You come to despise
I bring home the teacher,
You interrogate till dawn
I bring home the model
He bores me—he's gone
Eureka! I've found him
The man of my dreams
What's that? He ran off
With the girl down the street?
Ah-here's a fine fellow
Let's give this a go
Hmmm, the fact that he's married
Might've been nice to know
And what of the Princeton grad
I met online
Well, last I heard,
He was typing just fine
Besides,
In your eyes,
They're insufferable bores,
Underachievers
Insatiable whores
Vultures who grasp for a chance at your girl
Criminals shattering your perfect glass world.

A Day Without You
By Christy Sitter

Wake up.... heart sinks
Pit in stomach
Breathe.

Fumble out of bed...
Eat (to fill void)
Shower.
Dress.
Breathe.
Eat.
Breathe.
Eat
Breathe.
Get ready for bed.
A day without you.

Fall into bed . . . once again.
Fetal position.
All covered up . . .
Covered up from the world, the world without you.
Eyes wide open
Staring at the clock . . .
Helplessly eyes remain fixed on another day that passed without you.

No smile.
Silent tears.
Nightmares of loosing you forever.
Heart sinks.
Once again
Eyes open.
Morning grips tired eyes.
Breathe.
Silent tears.
Phone becomes forever silent.
Doorbell silent too . . .
Breathe.
Another day has passed
Another day without you.

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Excerpt from: Pierogies with My Mother

By Vera Dorosh

One morning's warmth was only interrupted by a run for a quick pee, when I caught my father through a crack in their bedroom door, dragging pants on over his long underwear in the dim light. A red and blue blanket enfolded my mother and a baby that suckled at her breast, while he moved mechanically, with the sun not yet in sight. My eyes drooped when I returned to my warmth, and heard a door close decidedly before I sank into my dream world. "Well, I will see you tonight," he may have said, before leaving, with a quick kiss on his beloved's awaking lips.

Saturday of pierogies, and even at the age of six, I knew why Ma cooked the food selection for the entire day by ten a.m. The baby continued sleeping in my mother's room, and my little sister, four years old with straight, platinum hair falling forward, stacked blocks with her two little brothers in the living room. By ten a.m., the apartment hopped with antsy run-arounds, and the brood wanted more food since their last meal of milk and a slice of cold meat had digested.

"Almost ready," my mother mumbled while I stood grasping her dress with a firm grip, and stared at the pot on the stove, at the bowl on the table, at her light-blue dress movements. With the skirt moving only a few inches, I followed her body's every step. I had not known we were dancing, but she always led and I moved with her.

"Ma, are they done yet?" I asked, even though she had already answered my question.

"Go check on the baby, then tell the kids to come eat," she told me. I was the oldest one, since Zackary and the others were at school. I had to be responsible for my working mother, so I peaked into my parents' bedroom. The baby slept. Then I ran quickly to the living room, my mission almost complete.

"It's ready!" I told the three children amidst their fortress of wooden blocks. They freed their hands, and we raced into the kitchen, but I made sure that I was the first to grab for the utensil drawer.

They wiggled in a heap around the dining room table, each with a fork held in a right hand, prongs facing the ceiling. My mother set out the first bowl of steaming pierogies on the table, and five forks, including mine, instantly lunged for sustenance.

"They're hot, be careful," Ma said, dropping more potato-filled dough into the pot of murky water on the stove. But the delicious aroma decided for us that burning the tongue on the first bite was worth it.

"Ah, it's hot!" my little sister said, mouth gaping to allow in some cool air.

"Ooh, hot!" a little brother said, his cotton stockings sagging.

"Hot!" the two-year-old said abruptly, with a grin on his face.

My mother continued dropping uncooked pierogies into the pot. "Is the baby still asleep?" she said, facing the wall.

"Yes," I said through a mouthful of hotness.

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I Love Crusoe
By John Hanlon

he helps me enjoy the World
the island—the home
Me and Him, or is it him and I?
we sit here together— not knowing
send me adrift with anyone
just make them Crusoe
I am not going anywhere
I have one life — one time
one island — one Crusoe
to get me through together.
My skin was innocent
like tender snowflakes when
he slit the goats throat— my
soul's only hope is within
the man in power
will not stop, so the skin on
my face can rest— lexicon disputed.
Davey Crocket was lucky; I'm stuck here with a noninsulated goatskin hat.

Dear Westminster students and faculty,

On behalf of Scrawl and its staff, I would like to say "thank you" to all who submitted to the first ever "Mini-Scrawl."

Scrawl is Westminster's literary and art magazine published at the end of the spring semester. As a staff, we are continuously looking for talented writers and artists to fill the pages of Scrawl-sharing their work with the campus and community.

Next semester, we will again be requesting art, prose, and poetry, so keep your hands working and minds creating.

A special "thanks" to The Holcad, as well, for all their help.

Sincerely,
Kate Sweeney
Editor-in-Chief of Scrawl

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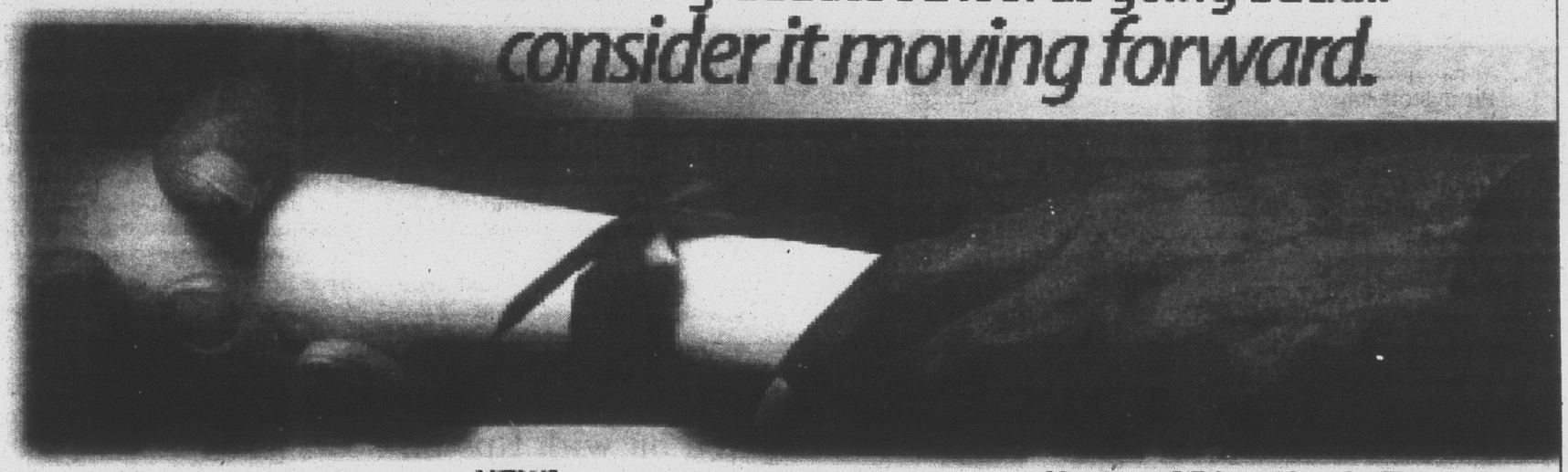
consider it moving forward.



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OPINION

Rant and Rave

Hey Holcad, find me a date.

Why do we have fiber optic Christmas trees, but we can't afford to have more computer labs open.

You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man.

Cartoons are fun in the sun.

If you think you are that smart, chances are you aren't.

Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes...BAAAA

From the vine came the grape, from the grape came the wine, and for the Italians, a wonderful time!

Spilling rice on myself...yay...

No paddle = trouble

Political signs don't waste any more space than signs that say, "I love my baby" or "He's 21"

Watch out for the yellow snow.

I don't know what I'm doing two days from now, let alone January 31st. Quit cluttering my e-mail and mailbox!

Service = goodness

Titan Radio: Play something other than nonoffensive pop. Pick a genre! I swear to God, I'll listen, even if it's country!

Happy Christmas

Merry Chanukkah

Joyous Kwanzaa

Delightful Yule

Finals suck, bring on the Holidays!

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinons.

Our View: Scare the Family

In spirit of the arrival of the holiday season, the Holcad presents to you the top 10 ways to scare your relatives during winter break...

10. When your parents ask you how your grades are this semester, admit that you are failing all of your classes, but it should be okay because your teachers have reassured you that your skills in bed will override your skills in the classroom. Then tell them you're just kidding.

9. Keep a picture of your roommate next to your bed and give it a kiss before you go to sleep each night. Make your mom and dad to kiss the picture too.

8. Tell your parents that you lost your scholarship. Seriously, you just can't find it!

7. Eat second helpings of everything at dinner, and when your family inquires about your healthy appetite, tell her that you are eating for two now.

6. If your mom offers to make you a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for lunch, disgustedly inform her that you are not hungry for "that" kind of food. Then as squirrels frolic through your backyard, stare out the window and start drooling incessantly.

5. Start twitching every time your uncle opens up a beer from the cooler.

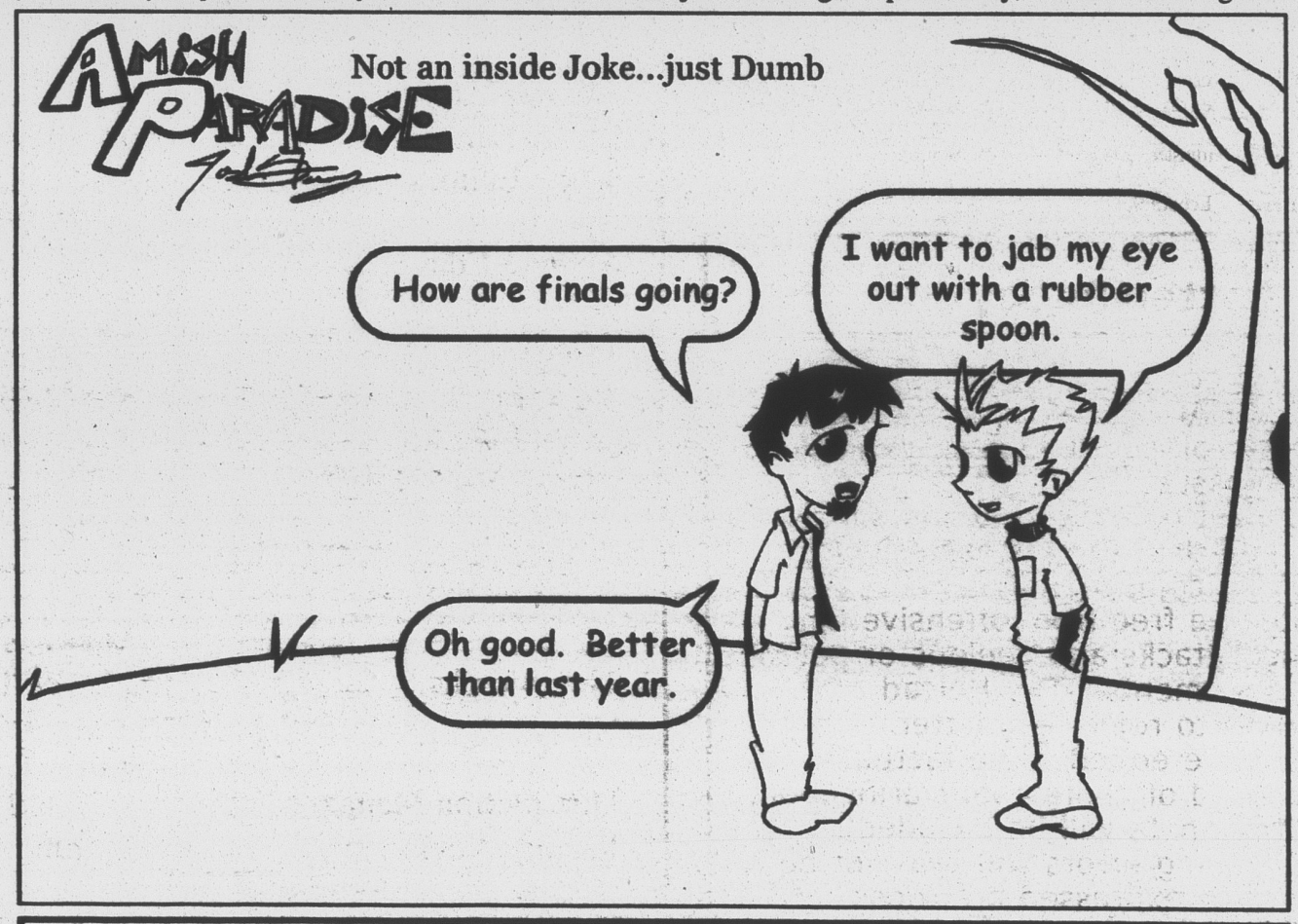
4. Complain to your parents about an itch that just won't go away. If they ask you about it, say, "It's not an STD, if that's what you're thinking." Then run into the bathroom and shut the door. Don't come out for three hours.

3. Strategically place pregnancy test wrappers in your bathroom garbage cans. When your dad finds them while taking out the trash, tell him they were only for a science project. Then ask him to pick up some ice cream, pickles and a chocolate cake at the grocery store, you just can't seem to satisfy these cravings you've been having lately!

2. Tell your parents you are dropping your bio premed studies for a major in theater.

1. Announce at the big family dinner that last week you ran away to Massachussetts with your roommate for a shotgun wedding. When they look surprised say, "What? It's legal."

Finals are all too serious... Lighten up with tips on how to make that long long month between break and next semester disappear faster than parking spots in Browne.



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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I wanted to take a moment to clarify something written in the angry article last week on Off campus housing. Although I agree with Drew and have heard the same "rumors" that everyone else has about the ability to live off campus, I feel that the wrong individuals were blamed. When Drew talked about "Residence Life" keeping the students on campus, I think Drew should have said the college. Being an RA for the third year now, I know that residence life sometimes receives a bad reputation for instances that are not our fault. Also, many times res life is criticized for simply following college procedure. In this instance, I feel it is the same situation. Drew used the term "Residence Life" and Westminster College interchangeably, leading to a lot of false blame. Residence Life is a branch of the college, a rather large branch, but the rules that we follow and enforce are made by the college. Too often, Res Life is falsely accused for things out of our control. So, before anyone complains to their RAs, RDs, or Molly, I think it is important to remember that Residence Life only does what they are told to do and what the rules say. The blame for the off campus housing issues lie within the college adminstration, not with the residence life program.

Sincerely,
Nikki Potocnak

Dear Editors,

I would like to clarify some of the points raised by Drew Huston regarding the Borough and college students living 'off-campus'. I served on the Borough Planning Commission for many years and some of the questions or concerns expressed in his viewpoint about Borough 'laws'. For the record, I am no longer on the Commission or a resident of the Borough, but there are specifics about zoning that are universal.

There are no Borough zoning laws that single out college students as a unique class of residents. As Drew said, that would be discrimination and Fair Housing Laws prohibit that. Zoning laws address types of structures and/or activity that takes place in a municipality. We have permissible types of residences such as Fraternity/Sorority Houses, multi-family, single family, different types of commercial activity. With each, there are restrictions that are intended to preserve a quality of life for the residents.

You cannot 'zone out' any type of business that is legal, and you cannot 'zone out' classifications of people. All zoning laws apply to all residents, 18 to 98. For example, municipalities can place reasonable restrictions on the use of property. For example, there are restrictions on the number of unrelated adults that live in a residence unit, and the number of off street parking spaces to be available.

Such restrictions prevent landlords from packing rental property and having the negatives of many people living in limited space spill over to other residents. These fall within the guidelines for community planning issued by the state. Residents can ask for zoning law changes and in fact we have been reluctant to make multi-unit residence policy more restrictive at the request of some community residents. I would say that the commission members are understanding of the town-gown relationship, and we have tried to be even-handed and supportive of all residents.

We have had older residents complain and occasionally leave the Borough disgruntled over our disregard of their concerns. As for the issue of whether Borough residents like or dislike college students, I have never heard that expressed by the people who served on Borough committees--there are certain behaviors that have been discussed. And those discussions have involved non-college residents as well.

As for restrictions directed to Westminster College students, the Borough doesn't have any.

Gail Miller, Professor, Business & Economics

Dear Editors,

As a fifth year senior finishing up my final week and a half of my collegiate career, I thought it might be nice to share some of the things I have come to learn as true while at Westminster. So here I bring you, with the help of a fine liberal arts education, The Top Ten Things I Have Learned While Learning in an Amish Paradise:

10. New Wilmington's hours of operation lie between noon and 5pm, leaving a generous hour to an hour and a half open for lunch.
9. Even the professors refer to Inquiry as freshman torture.
8. Westminster is a dry campus…(to be read "dot dot dot")
7. Greek life is kind of like the Italian Mafia; although you may not be required to be a member, you will have several run-ins with it and nearly everyone you know is associated with it.
6. The squirrels are mutant size and survive solely on lake water and left-over cafeteria food. Be afraid. Be very afraid.
5. Whether you are merely locked out of a building or you are being chased by a pack of rabid squirrels (see above), Security will put you on hold.
4. The name of the Help Desk is only meant to confuse the student population on both sides of the desk. Although, they do provide a bit more help than Security (see above).
3. The shortest distance between two points is under construction. – (In honor of Graduate Cathy Heidrich, Class of 2003.)
2. No matter how many times they try, the guys on campus will never be able to grow an orange grove by planting them in the creek or the fence by Eich.
1. First and foremost, Westminster College is a vehicle for Celebrity Series. Yes, Bob Newhart's needs shall always come before your own.

I hope that some of these life's lessons may benefit the freshmen through the next three and a half years of college. To everyone that I have come to know here in little New Wilmington, Pa, thank you all so much for the plethora of memories that I will take with me as I continue on.

Sincerely,
Richard A. Leigh, Class of 2003 ½

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Tom and Chris — The Missing & Love Actually

by Tom Oyer and Chris Medjesky
Movie Reviewers

With the holiday season approaching, movie studios are releasing their big films from now until December. Two big studio pushes currently in release are "The Missing" and "Love Actually." "The Missing" is the latest from Ron Howard as he ventures into a new genre with this western. The film stars Cate Blanchett as Maggie, an independent pioneer woman raising her two daughters on her own in 1800's New Mexico. Then one day her daughter Lilly is kidnapped by a rebel group of Indians to be sold into slavery. Maggie, along with her youngest daughter Dot, must try to rescue Lilly before the Indians reach Mexico. However, she cannot do this alone, and must rely on the help of her estranged father Samuel, played by Tommy Lee Jones.

As their journey continues, the interaction between father and daughter develops as they slowly begin to reconcile their relationship after years of separation. Their journey involves many obstacles and adventures as they follow the Indian gang. Ron Howard constructs a visually compelling and emotionally solid western. Unlike his past films, which reeked of over-emotional sentiment, this film is surprisingly controlled and realistic in its emotions. Maggie is not easily sympathetic towards her estranged father and her emotions remain true as the film progresses. The film is also helped by its compelling performances, especially the brilliance of Cate Blanchett. Blanchett has already proven her brilliance in past films (please see "Elizabeth") and once again shows why she is one of the premiere actresses working in film today. Her Maggie is instantly strong and courageous, yet hesitant and fearful. Not to mention she's Australian but you wouldn't be able to tell because her accent is THAT good. She will earn an Oscar nomination for this movie, guaranteed. Tommy Lee Jones, Evan Rachel Wood, and Jenna Boyd are all exceptional as well. The film's main weakness may be the script, which lacked the emotional firepower it needed in the finale, but overall this is a strong effort by Ron Howard and a definite recommended B+ film.

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Nothing kills a movie quicker than a bad title. So the simple fact that the horribly titled Love Actually is doing well shows that there must be some merit to the movie. Riding on the coattails of past British successes like "Bridget Jones's Diary" and "About a Boy," "Love Actually" was quite an anticipated movie. Despite how British the other films are, its Love Actually that shows the true stereotypical Britishj nature. What do we mean? Nudity and the F-word. Everywhere. So what this translates to is, men, if you like these past British movies, and were planning on using a date as an excuse to see a "chick flick" you might want to rethink your plan. As far as the story goes, "Love Actually" takes some of the best British talent and throws them into nine different love stories in a little over two hours. As you would expect, some of them definitely should have been cut to give more time to the others. Stories of body doubles, nervous coworkers, and cheating husbands are not properly resolved. There are a few highlights though, including the touching story involving a newly widowed husband (Liam Neeson) and his stepson, a betrayed husband (Colin Firth) and his Portuguese maidservant, and a young prime minister (Hugh Grant) and his secretary. All of these stories are well done and deserve more time than they received. The shining star of the movie was the story of an aging rocker and his platonic love for his longtime manager. These scenes are hilarious and are wisely spread throughout the more boring stories.

Too much in too little time is what really hurts "Love Actually." For these reasons, what should have been an A movie is really just a B- and even compared to other British films, like Bridget Jones, it's only a C, actually.

As we rap up this semester and head into the holiday season (or for the movie world, the OSCAR season), we wish you happy holidays and leave you with a list of films to look out for during your five weeks of boredom. "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" (obviously!!!); "House of Sand and Fog"; "Cold Mountain"; "Big Fish"; "The Last Samurai"; "Something's Gotta Give"; "Mona Lisa Smile"; "In America"; "Monster"; "21 Grams"; "The Statement"; and "The Company."

Lord of the Holiday Season: Return of the Ring

by Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

It's that time of year again. Time for bright lights. That name everyone knows. The day you're looking forward to more than any other of the year. No, I'm not talking about Christmas, silly rabbits. It's "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King" time! Did you really think I'd waste my time yapping about Santa when there's Elves, Hobbits, kings and rings? I dig Santa and all (I'm still waiting for that pony, buddy!), but can he fight off Orcs and put up with that bipolar Gollum? I think not.

First and foremost, if you have the time, I cannot stress enough trying to read the books. This is one of those rare occasions where it may be better to see the movie before reading the book. The books are so heavily detailed and involved, so having an idea of what some things should, or could, look like helps tremendously. It took me almost a year of starting, stopping, and starting again to get through the trilogy, but I have to say finishing was one of the greatest literary accomplishments of my life, no joke.

Okay, down to business. The magical day is December 17. The film premiered in Peter Jackson's native New Zealand, where it was all shot, on the first of the month. I've read some early reviews on imdb.com, and all have been extremely positive. One guy said "what all [...] fans will be saying as they leave the theater is 'I cried!' Don't bring a date if you don't want them to see you cry. Do bring Kleenex, whatever. If you love these characters, you're going to cry. Like nine times. Sad crying. Happy crying. Happy-sad crying." I teared-up when I read the book, so I can only imagine what a blubbering mess I'll be by the end of the movie.

For you purists out there, I'm sure you've heard that there will be no Saruman whatsoever in "Return of the King." I am disappointed about it, since I think Christopher Lee is one of the coolest 'older' actors out there, but we need to be realistic about time constraints. I was also a bit upset to find out the House of Healing and the Scouring of the Shire have been cut as well. I don't doubt they'll be on the extended edition DVD, come next fall, though. The cutting of the House of Healing scenes surprised me because it would have shown Aragorn's transition to king on a different level. Oh well.

If action-adventure-fantasy isn't your bag of chips, you're in for a long winter break. The next few weeks of films are chock full of the big sweeping action movies, primed for Oscar.

I'm really just anxious about the battle scenes. These should be some of the biggest, baddest, most awe-inspiring battles ever captured on film. And I'm not just saying that because I like to see folks get decapitated and shot full of arrows. I've read and heard that the battle of Minas Tirith is explained much better in the film, especially the connection to the ring and Frodo.

Relying on blind faith, I think Peter Jackson will finally get his well-deserved Best Director Oscar in the spring for this film. He has been able to adapt an incredible piece of literature into an incredible film franchise. I have to commend Jackson for his ability to balance intricate emotions with large-scale action sequences. And I think "Return of the King" will be the finest showcase of his talents as a director who is willing to take chances, something the Academy adores.

If action-adventure-fantasy isn't your bag of chips, you're in for a long winter break. The next few weeks of films are chock full of the big sweeping action movies, primed for Oscar. "The Last Samurai," with Tom Cruise opens this weekend, and I've heard nothing but good things about it. "Cold Mountain," with Nicole Kidman (recent American Cinematheque Honoree), Jude Law, and Renee Zellweger opens Christmas Day. The Academy usually doesn't dig love stories, but just from previews I've seen, I think Renee might pull off the Best Supporting Actress win. "Peter Pan" also opens Christmas Day, which looks absolutely visually stunning.

Happy break, kids. I encourage you to explore some new genre of movie or book over the next few weeks. Expand the old noggin. And then you can feel free to park yourself in front of the tube for twenty-four hours of "A Christmas Story."

Isaac's Rock Column: A Perfect Circle

by Isaac Ludgwig
Music Reviewer

A Perfect Circle was in Pittsburgh on Tuesday 18 November at the AJ Palumbo Center. This was my first time in the AJ Palumbo Center, and I have to say that it is a very nice venue. Aside from the incredibly long wait outside, it was great. There is no bad seat in the venue. It's almost like seeing a concert performed on a college basketball court (that's probably because it's Duquesne's basketball stadium) and the floor seating is right on the court.

This was my second favorite show of the year losing to the Time Lapse Consortium (an Incubus side project) show at the Knitting Factory (a small club) in Manhattan.

When I finally got inside I made my way to the press area, this was probably one of the strictest shows I've ever attended in regards to photographs. The photopass says, "By wearing this pass I promise not to use flash photography... or Maynard has my permission to hit me in the eye with a water bottle!" While it is fairly common for press to not be aloud to use a flash and only shoot the first few songs, there was a certain aura of contempt for the press in

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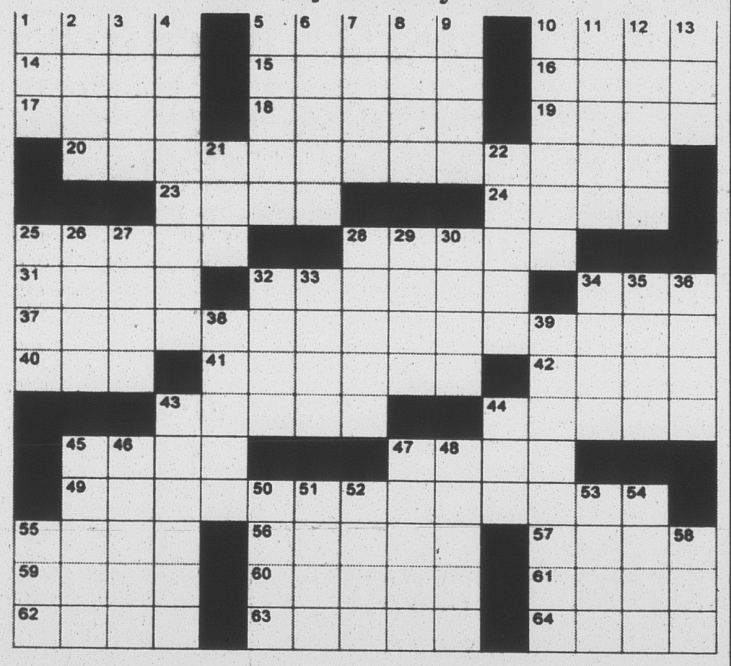
Crossword 101

Bird Sanctuary

By Ed Canty



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Did you ever see an unhappy horse? Did you ever see a bird that had the blues? One reason why birds and horses are not unhappy is because they are not trying to impress other birds and horses.

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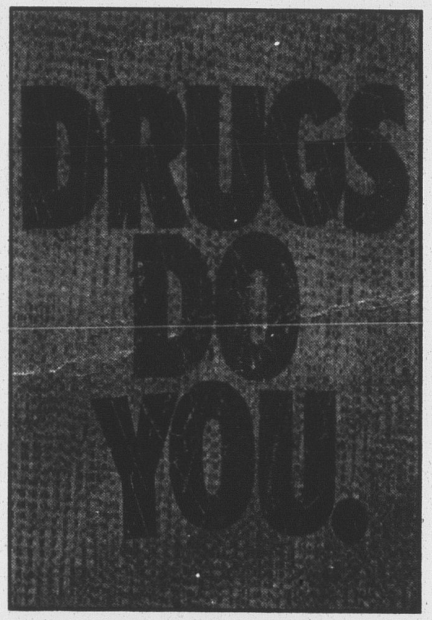


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Your financial prospects are excellent this week, especially if you join up with another to pool both your know-how and resources. It's advantageous to your monetary goals to be flexible and roll with the punches. You yearn to travel - so start planning.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Now's the best time to start a new partnership, whether in business or romance, the results will definitely be very positive. Keep your physical energy high. Money dealings will intensify in the next few months; be very careful about the details.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Your mind may be totally on pleasure and free time during the week, it's time to think about improving your financial and job situation. Be cautious and heed others' business suggestions. You've the capabilities to tackle any challenges thrown your way, and win.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
There's a new chapter in your love life ready to be written - be patient, all the details will unfold in due time. Romance will continue to be dominant for the next several months, so enjoy it. Even if you are tempted, refrain from making any hasty decisions.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
The thought of work doesn't do much for you, but it will be surprising just how much you will accomplish if you just put your nose to the grindstone. Keep in mind in the future that you will benefit from a more intellectual approach to money-making ideas and finances.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Hard work is the key throughout this week. There is friction on the job that can be avoided with diplomacy. The chance to enhance your working skills is good, look for opportunities, however small they may seem. The solution to a nagging problem is evident.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
This week will be a lot more active and rewarding than the past couple of weeks. Real estate could be a profitable area now. Your financial bandwagon rolls along, producing profits that will be more evident in the next few weeks. Concentrate on doing things yourself.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Try to look at things with a fresh perspective. If you go about accomplishing things differently, you may be amazed at how much you'll get done. The next few weeks will favor financial planning, so work closely with someone who knows the business well.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
The prevailing theme is tranquility. Evenings may be filled with enjoyable social events and romantic interludes. You have attracted the attention of a VIP at work, someone who can help you advance your career and personal goals. Keep your attitude upbeat.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Your friends are very supportive, and if you are working on a personal goal, they will be able to give some good advice. A lucky opportunity may enable you to climb up a few additional rungs on the ladder of success. Trim down your expectations to parallel with reality.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
You will meet a whole new circle of people who can be stimulating on an intellectual level. These new friends will help clarify any important objectives that have been fuzzy. Steer clear of any known troublemakers in the workplace; they may hamper your progress.

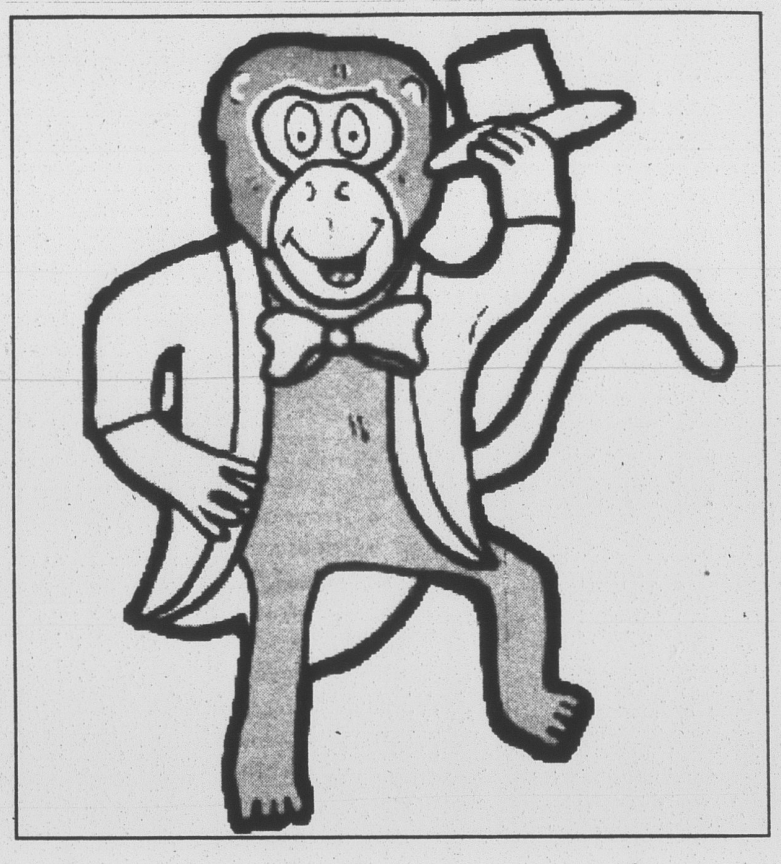
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Distant friends or family will dominate your thoughts and actions. Start working on that special project which may have to do with a home matter. Beware of being overly optimistic concerning finances - remember to not count your chickens before they're hatched.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You will no doubt achieve your greatest successes by listening to the comments and advice from others, formulating a long range program, and finding joy in your accomplishments and goals, no matter how small they may seem to you. You also have a tendency to speak before you think, hurting those close to you.

FEATURE

Interactive Story of the Week: More Monkeys

Bygone youth, chocolate confections, and monkeys named Fingers...



The timer on the oven rang throughout the entire house. I knew my favorite food, brownies, were finally done (Sarah Kramer). Ah - brownies...they always brought back such fond memories of my youth, far yonder in my past when the days seemed golden and (Matt Snyder) memorable. I used to play with my monkey "Fingers." Then one day he ran away. You'll have that! (Juliana Thorbecke) You will have that, however, one day I finally found him. My friend Tuli and I were sitting in the car at Taco Bell and he drove by in a black truck (Lucinda Safran).How he reached the pedals, I'll never know, but there he was driving along. He drove to the gas station and picked up a pack of cigarettes (John Buco). Then there was a hold up! Something interesting happened... (Cassie Walker) Instead of the robber pulling out a handgun, the robber demanded that the cashier of the gas station put Fingers into the freezer at the back of the gas station (Heather Gurgiolo). The cashier inserted his own fingers into the freezer (Mike O'Leary). Fingers took advantage of the opportunity and escaped with me, and we lived happily ever after (Chris Snedeker).

Thanksgivoween: 4 holidays, 1 low price

by Carolyn Miller
Resident Naughty Kid

Oh, come now, don't give me that look! You know full well what Thanksgivoween is - it's that period of time between Labor Day and New Year's that instantly becomes four holidays in one. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's - with their powers combined, they form something not resembling Captain Planet, but more of a huge mass of jumbled consumerism. It's frightening enough to count for Halloween, at least.

Halloween is easy enough to celebrate, but once it's over, it's into the heavy holiday season. Thanksgiving is a national holiday, something that businesses close for (nobody closes for Halloween) and we got kicked out of our dorms, as I'm sure we're all aware. Though, if you're like me, you weren't so much kicked out of your dorm as much as you were told by your parents you were coming home. It's one of those family holidays in which you get to see all those lovely relatives you've been avoiding by being at school. I've always counted myself lucky to not have a cheek-pinching aunt. I'd really hate to have one of those.

Of course, there's the biggest part of Thankgiving - the main course. And not just the main course, but then seconds, and thirds, and don't forget the pumpkin pie! It's the weekend of eating, bigger than Mardi Gras, devoted to gorging yourself on turkey and stuffing and sweet potatoes, then saying thanks for the food, just so you don't feel completely cheap for eating so much.

Last year, when I was in Japan, I didn't get to have a family Thanksgiving, but the one I had was exceptional nonetheless. A group of about 20 American students gathered together, and we all chipped in to import two 8-pound turkey (which cost $60 per turkey) and we each made one dish and brought it to dinner. It was a veritable feast - and as we all sat around the table, patting our stomachs and sipping at our drinks, we went around the group and said what we were thankful for. Of course, I no longer felt obligated to say "friends and family and food," as we obviously had two of those three, and no one felt the need to say family. When my turn came around, I thought for a moment and said, "I'm thankful to be here...I'm thankful for this amazing feast...and I'm thankful for planes that don't crash, because I'm relying on that in two weeks."

Everyone's different - we all have different things we're thankful for. I also think we're thankful for more than we know. The difficult thing at Thanksgiving is which things to choose to share. Saying that we're thankful for Vanilla Coke is silly, and even if it's true, it's hard to say that during Thanksgiving. It's just a feeling of the holiday that's bred into us over time.

Then, not even two seconds after the dishes are cleared from the table, all the Christmas lights are strung up and there's a Santa Claus on every corner, ringing a bell and reminding us lowly college students how broke we are. And of course, Christmas would fall at the end of the semester, as our cash reserve is in the reds on black Friday. Granted, my grandmother still insists that she'd love a stick with a notch cut in it as long as I made the notch, but I feel that I owe her just a little more than that.

Christmas itself has turned into the season of greed. I know it's cliché and all that, but I feel it more than ever nowadays. Maybe I'm getting old. But I can look back at my childhood and see it then - all I cared about was waking up Christmas morning and opening my presents. We'd come home from Christmas Eve service and I'd hastily change into my pajamas and climb into bed, but I wouldn't be able to sleep for hours. When I finally awoke Christmas morning around 7, I'd wake my brother up, and we'd knock at my parents door until they set the official present time to 8. Michael and I would press our noses up against the glass doors to the family room, gazing in at the tree, pregnant with presents underneath its green boughs. And then mother would open the doors at 8, and father would have a cup of coffee in one hand and the video recorder in the other, and my brother and I would tear into the presents one at a time.

Last year, Michael and I rolled out of bed around 9, and Mike had to have his morning coffee before he'd even think of waking up Mom and Dad. I took a peek inside the room, but as we've gotten older, presents have gotten slightly smaller, and the tree no longer gets as swollen as it used to. When our parents had finally had their morning coffee, and Dad realized that the last time the video recorder had been used was the Christmas before, we went in and dutifully doled out the presents before setting into them.

While the mood has definitely changed over the years, I wonder if it's due to maturity over the years, or just a result of ingrained tradition. I love to give and I love to receive, but sometimes I wish that it didn't always have to be all at once. It'd be easier on my conscience (and my wallet) if I could just spread different Christmases throughout the year. Best friends in the summer, family in the winter, and those 'awkward acquaintances who aren't quite friends but you know too well to ignore' would be sometime in the spring.

Then, after the flurry and the bustle of Christmas is over, it's just a few short days until the new year begins, and that's never complete without a big party watching the ball drop. I've found it's more fun to just use New Year's as an excuse to have a big party, and watch the ball for about three minutes at midnight before going about regular party activities. How often can you stay up all night and be as loud as you want and not have your parents complain, anyway?

So, Merry Thanksgivoween. Santa will ride in on his sleigh drawn by twelve prancing turkeys, bringing sack-fulls of confetti-filled pumpkins to all who have been nice, and lumps of coal-black leftover mashed potatoes to all who've been naughty. I've always envied those nice kids on Santa's list - those potatoes get nasty really quick.

Insert Angry Voice Here: Ages and Shoe Sizes

by Drew Huston
News Editor

We're at college, right? We, the students, are legally adults, right? We are at the age where we are allowed to vote, to drive, and some of us, to drink. We have all of the rights guaranteed to us by the Constitution, and nobody can take those away from us. We're adults. But do we act like adults? Let's examine this...

Two weeks ago this coming Sunday (the 7th), I was walking through the TUB, when I noticed that a girl was standing in the middle of the floor on the ground level. She was standing on the floor in the very center of the room, and was looking up with her mouth open.

Suddenly, I was nearly hit by a flying projectile. I looked up and saw that there was a boy standing on the third level, leaning over the railing, and attempting to drop M&M's into the girl's mouth. Needless to say, the boy didn't have very good aim, as there was candy all over the floor. Previously that same week, I had sat in a booth in the TUB where there were pickles from a sandwich stuck to the wall. We're adults, right?

I think it's time that we as students realize that a lot of times, what we do is pretty ridiculous. True, many of us have video game systems in our rooms - I won't lie, I play video games like everybody else. However, when it comes to throwing pickles on the wall and dropping candy into a girl's mouth from two floors above, I'm pretty shocked that people our age, people who are supposed to be adults, act like that. I won't even go into the idiotic things that people do when they get drunk at this college.

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The point I'm attempting to raise here is that people need to realize that destroying things and messing things up is not really an intelligent thing to do. Sticking pickles to a wall isn't exactly what many people would consider "dignified" behavior. Dropping candy all over the floor while playing a game with it, and then not even having the courtesy to clean it up, is not exactly mature.

If you want to know what gives college students a bad name; if you want to know why people think we're out of control and destructive and violent and a nuisance, this is why: we act like children. Come on. We're adults. Let's act like adults. If you are upset about something at the TUB, write a letter to the editor, or complain to SGA's "Time of the Month." Crushing ketchup packets underneath your trays won't really get your message across very effectively. If you think it's funny, at least clean up after yourself.

I'm not going to tell you that your sense of humor is wrong - everybody has their own take on what is funny and what isn't. But if that is your reason, at least clean it up. Our mothers always told us to not play with our food. Do we honestly have to go back to that? If you play with your food, at least clean up after yourself.

I worked at a restaurant all throughout high school, and the thing I hated more than anything was cleaning up a high chair where a baby had thrown its food everywhere - all over the table, the high chair, and even the floor. It was disgusting. Come on. We're college students, right? We should have moved on by now. At least, theoretically.

It's okay to be childlike. Pablo Picasso said that it took him 80 years to be able to think like a 3-year-old. It's okay to play video games and to goof around with your friends and to drink (remember, this is an opinion column, and not endorsed or approved by the Holcad or Westminster College) and to just have fun in general.

But don't go to disgusting or destructive lengths. Act your age. You will have a Bachelor's Degree when you leave here - do you think that employers will look at "Can effectively catch M&M's in my mouth from an altitude of 30 ft" as a good job qualification? We can vote - we have the power to choose the direction of the future. We legally have the right to drive an automobile anywhere in the Americas, should we choose to do so. But we do stuff like this? We are adults, right?

No Heart vs Bleeding Heart: Wish List '03

by Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

Ahh, the Christmas season is finally upon us. Not that I have to tell you that, considering that there are at least six Christmas trees in McKelvey, not to mention the fact that everyone and their mother hangs up Christmas lights in their dorms. Nevertheless, Rich and I have decided to add to this holiday cheer by sharing with you our Christmas lists. Now, these aren't just regular lists, as we do have political ideologies running through our veins. No, these are our Christmas wish lists in the world of politics.

I think I must have been a good girl this year, because a lot of my wishes have already come true: Republicans retaining the majority in Congress, Saddam Hussein being forced out of power, Partial Birth Abortion Ban being passed, the release of Nestle's double-chocolate milk, etc. However, Santa Claus, or at least Karl Rove, still has his work cut out before my list is completely finished. So here, in a very particular order, is my political wish list.

10. I want Strom Thurmond to still be alive. Come on, he was entertaining.

9. I want true welfare reform to be passed so that 20% of my paycheck doesn't go towards someone's drug habit.

8. I want Arnold Schwarzeneggar to go away, or maybe just the whole state of California. That election just proved their worthlessness.

7. I want Tucker Carlson, co-host of Crossfire, to marry me, so we can live in conservative bliss.

6. I want more people to come out of the conservative closet...it's ok!

5. I want a recount in last year's election for Pennsylvania's governor. Who voted for this guy?

4. I want people on this campus to become more politically savvy, so they might actually want to read this article.

3. I want Hillary Clinton to run for President, because I could use a good laugh. Would we have a first gentleman? I can just imagine slick Willy cruising the White House halls for interns once again, only this time, the Oval Office is off limits.

2. I want to land a decent internship in DC this summer. Selfish? Yes. Hey, it's my article.

1. I want Howard Dean to win the Democratic nomination for President. Shocking? Not really. If he wins it, my boy Georgie is guaranteed reelection, because the general American public won't buy Dean's stances on national issues.

There it is, my political wish list. It's so hard to narrow it to just ten, seeing as there are so many mistakes in this world, so many...Clintons. Oh well, Merry Christmas!

by Richard Marmura
Resident Liberal

Well, the holiday season is here and I to am putting together my wish list for the coming year. The following ten items are on my "Political Wish List" for 2004.

10. I would love to have an EPA that actually has the means to protect the environment. Clean Air and Water violations occur daily, but the government does nothing! I'm asking for an EPA that has the power and desire to enforce the environmental regulations that protect us all.

9. Remember when we talked about "no child left behind"? I do. Remember when we passed laws about testing students and making teacher "accountable"? I do. Do you remember when we funded these initiatives properly? I don't! Let's make education reform that is funded and fair.

8. Have you ever noticed to how conservatives love to criticize welfare as a waster, however, they don't mention that the government spends at least ten times the amount on corporate welfare (in the form of bailouts and subsidies for billionaires and their companies). Conservatives have problems giving poor people assistance, but they are more than willing to "help" billionaire campaign contributors.

7. In America if you steal someone's purse or wallet and you are caught; you go to jail. In America, if you steal billions of dollars from investors, but you contributed to the presidential campaign of a certain wealthy former Texas-governor; not only will you not be charged with a crime, you will be invited to the White House to help form the nation's energy policies. Does this seem wrong to anyone else?

6. I would simply like a non-political, no-bull answer as to why we are in Iraq. We were told that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and posed an imminent threat. We now know that this was wrong. Hundreds of Americans have been hurt or killed for no clear reason. Why doesn't anyone accept responsibility for this horrible abuse of power?

5&4. Slap Donald Rumsfeld and John Ashcroft. 'Nuff said.

3. Who remembers when Republicans and conservatives stood for "small government" and "fiscal responsibility"? These ideas have gone out the window with GWB and I don't think anyone can truly argue that. If I were a republican, I would be upset that someone had hijacked my party...

2. Dr. Dean is my choice as the democratic nominee for President. As governor of Vermont he was known as a strong supporter of civil right and liberties, an unparalleled-advocate for equal health care, a leader in education, a true believer of fiscal responsibility and a true bi-partisan leader. Visit www.deanforamerica.com. However, anyone is better then George...which brings be to...

1. With a record like Mr. Bush's, I truly wonder how anyone could actually vote for the man. Honestly, I'm not quite sure what platform the President will be running on this upcoming election. I imagine his campaign message would be something to the effect of "As your President I waged an needless war in Iraq that killed innocent Americans and Iraqi civilians.

"I turned just about every country on earth against us. I turned a several billion-dollar surplus into a multi trillion-dollar deficit. During my presidency unemployment hit record highs and I let a once thriving economy fall into recession.

"I gave out huge tax cuts to my rich buddies, while cheating the poor and middle classes. I allowed corporate crime to run rampant, while I attempted to distract Americans with 'orange alerts' and fictional weapons of mass destruction. All in all...vote for me."

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the security guards swagger, and it didn't help that during the first two songs (the only ones we could shoot) they didn't really have any lights on.

The show started with lead singer Maynard James Keenan hidden from sight by a sheet while he stood on a large pedestal. He played the bongo drums behind the sheet during the opening song, Vanishing, a very appropriate opener. This song segued nicely into Pet and then The Hollow. Maynard briefly introduced new bassist Jeordie White "otherwise known as Twiggy" before their fourth song Magdolena. The next song was Weak and Powerless, their first single off of The Thirteenth Step.

Orestes started out with Maynard singing totally different lyrics in the beginning. There was a brief instrumental interlude before Blue.

What happened next can't really be adequately described with words. Maynard started singing "It wasn't me" by Shaggy. After that odd occurrence, Maynard and Jeordie did a song called Fred's Got Slacks. I'm not really sure if they made it up or if it was some ridiculous cover, but everyone found it very amusing.

The next two songs were The Package and the second single off of Mer De Noms, Three Libras.

Maynard briefly flirted with the idea of continuing with Fred's Got Slacks before introducing their new guitarist, former Smashing Pumpkin James Iha's joke time. Iha told two wonderful jokes. First, "Where does a penguin store his money?" "A snow bank." Followed by, "How do you stop a charging rhino?" "Take away his credit card."

Maynard introduced the next song by dedicating it to Ken Andrews. He went on to explain that Andrews new band, Year of the Rabbit, opened the show and he also co-wrote the next song, The Nurse Who Loved Me, while he was in a band called Failure (with former A Perfect Circle guitarist and current Queens of the Stone Age guitarist, Troy Van Leeuwen). The Nurse Who Loved Me was done very differently from both the original and the version on The Thirteenth Step. The song was overall much heavier and there was an incredibly large crescendo before a very mellow ending.

My current favorite song on The Thirteen Step, Gravity, was next. This was the most upsetting part of the show because they changed the song very much musically. Iha played keyboards throughout some of the song, which gave it somewhat of a corny sound.

The band's next song was their new single, The Outsider. The following song, The Noose, featured Maynard briefly on guitar.

Maynard ended the show with the band's breakthrough first single off Mer De Noms, Judith.

The show ended with Iha and White screwing around afterwards doing some short covers and just basically being funny. They finally stopped when the stage crew started tearing down the set while they were still on stage. One song was an Oasis song and they also did some Guns and Roses.

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Continuous Christmas Music Starts Monday

Calendar of Events

Friday, December 5, 2003
Giving Tree — First Floor, McKelvey Campus Center
Lambda Sigma Clothing Drive — MCC Information Desk
11:40 am Chapel
M&W Swimming @ Wooster Invitational
7:00 pm "Season of Light" Planetarium Show — Hoyt 116
10:00 pm Titan's Tavern – MCC Club

Saturday, December 6, 2003
Giving Tree — First Floor, McKelvey Campus Center
Lambda Sigma Clothing Drive — MCC Information Desk
2:00 pm "Season of Light" Planetarium Show (Matinee) — Hoyt 116
5:00 pm New Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Christmas Gala — MCC Witherspoon Rooms
7:00 pm "Season of Light" Planetarium Show — Hoyt
1167:15 pm Alpha Sigma Phi Black Lantern Processional (silent solemn ritual of respect)
8:00 pm CPC/Circle K Snow Ball — MCC Club/Berlin Student Lounge

Sunday, December 7, 2003
Giving Tree — First Floor, McKelvey Campus Center
Lambda Sigma Clothing Drive — MCC Information Desk
3:45 pm Christmas Vespers Family Dinner – MCC Witherspoon
6:15 pm IFC Meeting
Parents' Christmas Vespers Dinner
7:00 pm Christmas Vespers — Orr Auditorium
8:30 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – PH 311/312
8:30 pm Kappa Delta Meeting – MCC Witherspoon

Monday, December 8, 2003
CLASSES END
Giving Tree — First Floor, McKelvey Campus Center
Lambda Sigma Clothing Drive — MCC Information Desk
11:40 am Chapel
4:30 pm Feast of the Immaculate Conception — Chapel
5:15 pm Panhel
5:30 - 6:00 pm Amnesty/Peace Studies Candlelight Vigil — Peace Pole
Greek Organizations' Meetings
7:00 pm Seekers Praise Band Practice — Chapel
9:00 pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:00 pm Lambda Sigma Meeting — PH 114

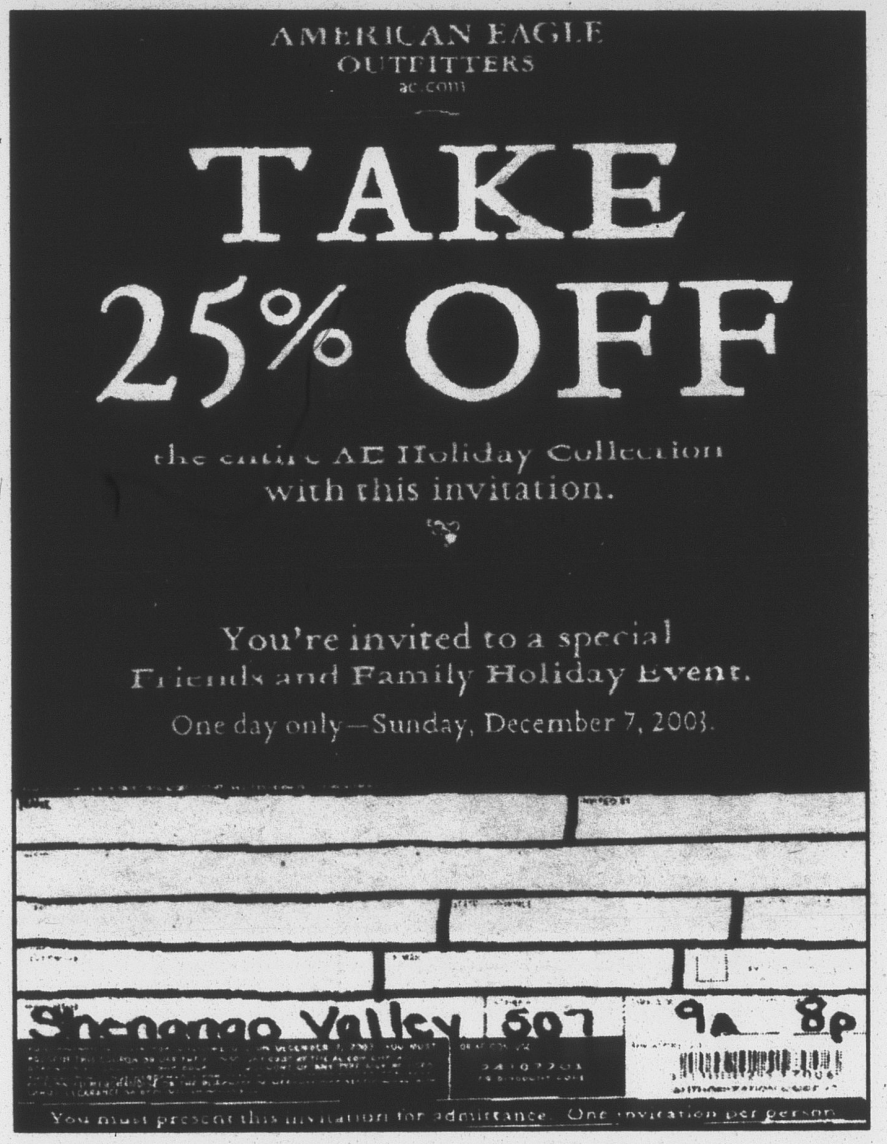
Tuesday, December 9, 2003
READING DAY
Giving Tree — First Floor, McKelvey Campus Center
Lambda Sigma Clothing Drive — MCC Information Desk
11:00 am Support Staff Christmas Party – Witherspoon Lakeview
Noon – 3:00 pm Stress Reduction Day – Student Health Center
9:00 pm Cram Jam – Duff Dining Hall

Wednesday, December 10, 2003
FINALS
Giving Tree — First Floor, McKelvey Campus Center
Lambda Sigma Clothing Drive — MCC Information Desk
4 – 5:30 pm President's Christmas Open House for Campus – Witherspoon Room
4:30 pm Children's Literature Group — TC 315
5:30 pm Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling – Quad

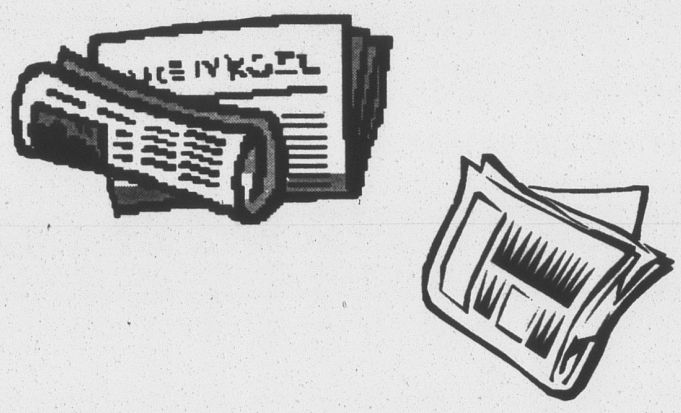
Thursday, December 11, 2003
FINALS
Giving Tree — First Floor, McKelvey Campus Center
Lambda Sigma Clothing Drive — MCC Information Desk
4:30 – 6:30 pm President's Christmas Open House for Community – Witherspoon Room

Friday, December 12, 2003
FINALS
Giving Tree — First Floor, McKelvey Campus Center
Lambda Sigma Clothing Drive — MCC Information Desk

Saturday, December 13, 2003
13 FINALS
LLP Block II Ends
6:00 pm Residence Halls Close
Last Meal of the Semester: Lunch
8:00 pm Celebrity Series: Don McLean – Orr Auditorium



The Holcad will start hiring staff next semester. Get your resumes together and keep an eye on your e-mail for more info.



Weekend Entertainment

Titan's Tavern

in the Club Lounge
Friday: 10:00 pm to 2:00 am
Free Pop and Popcorn

Featuring special Guest
Band: The Narrows
Music starts at 10

The Snowball

in the Club Lounge
8:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Semi-Formal
$3 per person, $5 per couple
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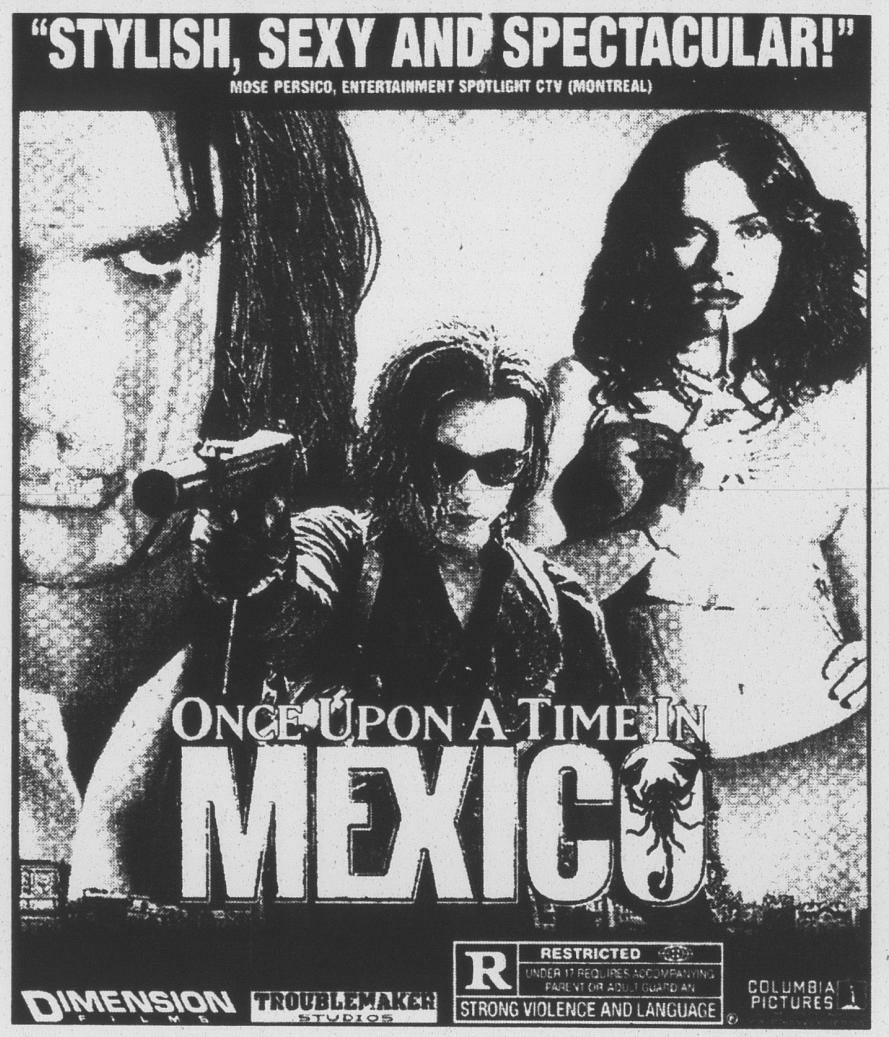
Coming Next Semester:

Jan. 24: Titan's Tavern
Jan. 30: Titan's Tavern
Jan. 31: Dance-a-thon
Feb. 20: Mardi Gras

Late Night in the Club Room
Every Mon, Tue, and Thur
(10pm - 1am)



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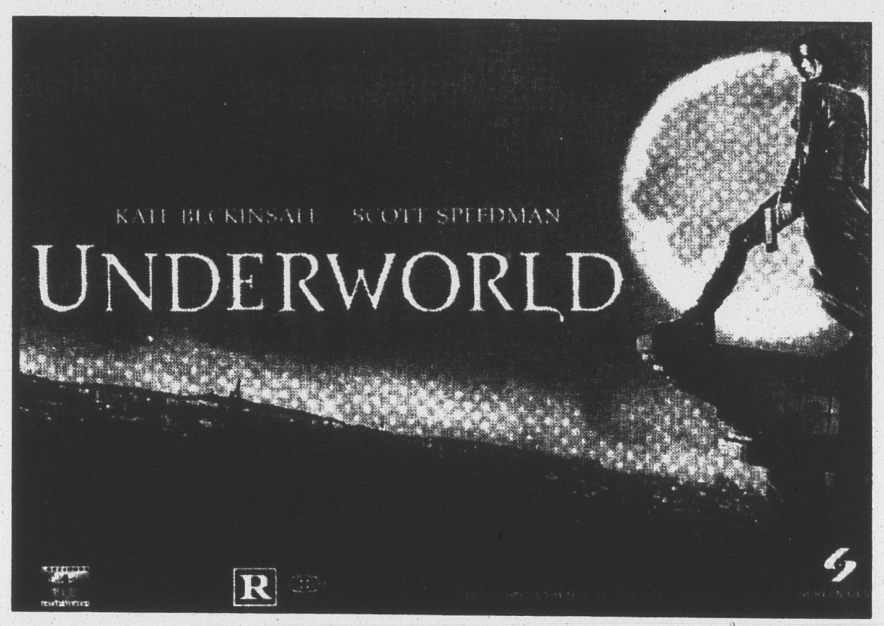
Sunday 9:00



Friday 8:00
Saturday 10:30